



St. Paul Preaching in Athens

Raphael, 1515

August 30, 2026

A Special Message to First-Time Visitors

We are delighted to have you with us today! Here are a few things you might want to know as you prepare for worship.

We love to see children at worship and welcome them in the sanctuary. There are activity bags available in the hallway for them, should they become restless. We also have a nursery located in the wing opposite the sanctuary staffed by two capable, loving people.

The restrooms are located just to the right as you enter the building and before the sanctuary, with a wheelchair-accessible handicap restroom down the hall past the hallway doors leading inside the sanctuary. If you need help finding any of these, please ask an usher.

Each row has a red pad with a form for all in attendance to complete. Please complete the form so we can provide a more personal ministry.

Prayer request cards are included for you to fill out and place in the plate when the offering is taken. The pastor will then, with your permission, share the concern and pray for your need during the prayer time.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You are invited to commune with us. The dark red liquid is wine and the lighter colored liquid is grape juice.

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! We are blessed by your presence, and God is glorified. Please join us for coffee following the service.

August 30, 2026

Usher
Feliz Lundberg
Acolyte
Feliz Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Dennis Krumwiede
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Lorraine Stargel
Communion Assistant
Ron Johnson
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Sharon Johnson/Lorraine Stargel
Coffee Hour
Valerie Claiborne/Judy Williams
Flowers
Lorraine Stargel
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Linda Deas
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Jeff DeBord/Ron Heilman

September 6, 2026

Usher
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Acolyte
Ransom Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg
Security
TBD
Sound System
Bill Zavadil
Lector
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Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Rick and Sue Fields
Coffee Hour
Judy Williams
Flowers
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Tellers
Toni Sherman/Sharon Johnson
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
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Order of Worship

August 30, 2026, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Eric Lundberg

LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal, WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal

Please remember to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary.

Before the service we talk to God. During the service God talks to us.

After the service, we talk to each other.

MISSION STATEMENT

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Lorraine Stargel
In loving memory of her mother and father.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Jesus Messiah”

arr. Alex-Zolt

Praise Song

“Jesus Messiah”

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing **(Chorus)**

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world **(Chorus)**

Ending

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

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We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

(please stand)

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 She is His new creation
 By water and the Word.
 From heav'n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride;
 With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.

Verse 2

Elect from every nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth;
 Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses
 With every grace endued.

Verse 3

Though with a scornful wonder
 This world sees her oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

Verse 4

Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore;
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

Verse 5

Yet she on earth hath union
 With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
 O blessed heav'nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by your grace,
 That we, like saints before us,
 May see you face to face.

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins (Lutheran Book of Worship, p. 56)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: (*Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence*): Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: (*Facing the congregation, declares God's grace*): In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Romans 12:9-21 (English Standard Version)

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in

your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: **Thanks be to God**

This reading is from Psalm 26 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: ¹ Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Congregation: ² **Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.**

R: ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

C: ⁴ **I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

R: ⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

C: ⁶ **I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,**

R: ⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

C: ⁸ **O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

(R: Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

The Preaching Text

(Please stand for the reading of the epistle lesson)

This reading is from the book of Acts 17:16-34 (ESV)

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he

himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

"In him we live and move and have our being";
as even some of your own poets have said,
"For we are indeed his offspring."

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"In Christ Alone"

arr. Alex-Zsolt

Offering Hymn

"Count Your Blessings"

HWC 563

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

LBW 98

Verse 1

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Verse 2

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

Verse 3

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died
For his own creature's sin.

Verse 4

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

Verse 5

But tears of grief cannot repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
It's all that I can do.

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

LBW 370

Verse 1

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind
Is like to that above.

Verse 2

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

Verse 3

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

Verse 4

From sorrows, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

“He Is Lord”

HWC 105

Refrain

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction *(please stand)*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

On Our Way Rejoicing

Closing Hymn

"Softly And Tenderly"

HWC 326

Verse 1

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
Passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, death's night is coming,
Coming for you and for me. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me? **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

O for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Come home (come home), Come home (come home),
Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

Postlude

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
Following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour.