12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Lutheran Church of the Living Christ
2725 Concord Drive
Florissant, MO 63033

PRELUDE “Be Still, My Soul (Finlandia)” Sibelius, arr. Bergquist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Details are on the slides and at the end of bulletin)*

GATHERING HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" ELW#597

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things we have done
and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast" ELW#149-150

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

1 Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.
6 And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
7 these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
8 Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 67

L: 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.
C: 2 Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
L: 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
C: 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
L: 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
C: 6 The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.
L: 7 May God| give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] 1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2a God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

[29] For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. [30] Just as you were once disobedient to God
but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, [31] so also they have now been
disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. [32] For God
has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**
Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION pg. 151

GOSPEL READING
P: The holy Gospel according to **Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28**
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
[[10] [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:[11] it is not what goes into
the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” [12] Then the
disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard
what you said?” [13] He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be
uprooted. [14] Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another,
both will fall into a pit.” [15] But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” [16] Then he said, “Are you
also still without understanding? [17] Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the
stomach and goes out into the sewer? [18] But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart,
and this is what defiles. [19] For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual
immorality, theft, false witness, slander. [20] These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed
hands does not defile.”]
[21] Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. [22] Just then a Canaanite
woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my
daughter is tormented by a demon.” [23] But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and
urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” [24] He answered, “I was sent only
to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” [25] But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help
me.” [26] He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” [27] She said,
“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” [28] Then Jesus
answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was
healed from that moment.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**
Following the reading the assembly is seated

SERMON – PMA Jon Heerboth
Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY “Healer of Our Every Ill” ELW#612

PROFESSION OF FAITH – *The Apostles’ Creed*
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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - . A big thank you to Greg for providing music for our worship services. Your music is greatly appreciated.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Please stand as you are able*
P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**
Share God's peace in whatever way you are comfortable. Following this please be seated.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN "As the Grains of Wheat" ELW#465

OFFERING PRAYER
P: Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
C: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING pg. 152
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY pg. 153
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

CHRIST HAS DIED pg. 153

LORD'S PRAYER pg. 154

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P: Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!
C: Amen

DISTRIBUTION *Time is given for the sharing of bread and wine.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "There is a Balm in Gilead" ELW#614

COMMUNION BLESSING
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in God's grace unto eternal life.
C: Amen.

PRAYER
L: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION
P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "Thy Holy Wings" ELW#613

DISMISSAL
L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Come, Ye Disconsolate" Penny Rodriguez

THIS WEEK's ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	(8-16)	9:15 AM	Worship
		11:00 AM	True Vine
Tuesday	(8-18)	11:00 AM	Exercise (LL)
		11:00 AM	Lunch & Learn
Thursday	(8-20)	11:00 AM	Exercise (LL)
Saturday	(8-22)	11:00 AM	The Everlasting Apostolic Church
		11:00 AM	Bell Choir practice

1. Lunch and Learn continues on **Tuesdays at 11:00 am**. Please provide subjects of interest for future sessions.
2. Create Days - Fridays, 9:00-12:00 *August 21, September 4, & September 18*
3. Bell Choir rehearsal on August 22 11:00 a.m.
4. God's Work Our Hands - Sunday, **September 13.** We will worship with and at Unity Bel-Nor at 10:30 a.m., have lunch, and participate in preparing service projects (blessing bags and LWR Personal Care Kits). There will be no worship at LCLC on September 13. Please sign up for LUNCH at Unity for God's Work Our Hands Sunday on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board

August 16, 2026 Preaching/Presiding: PMA Jon Heerboth Assisting Minister: Randy Henning Lector: Laurie Brown Live Stream: Musician: Greg Ott Ushers: Dave Endorf & Randy Henning Greeter: Judy Holmes Altar Guild: Karen Haynes & Sheila Smart	**August 23, 2026** Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Ed Breed Assisting Minister: Bill Kaeppel Lector: Dave Endorf Live Stream: Musician: Greg Ott Ushers: Jim & Doris Stoehner Greeter: Marilyn Wiley Altar Guild: Ann Schultz