



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota
“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026

Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.



Prelude and Ringing of Bell

Hymn “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” **816**

Confession and Absolution **184-185**

Introit **Ps. 143:1-2; antiphon: Ps. 143:9**

[P] Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

[C] I have fled to you for refuge!

[P] Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

[C] In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

[P] Enter not into judgment with your servant,

[C] for no one living is righteous before you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

[P] Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

[C] I have fled to you for refuge!

Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis **186-189**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

[P] The Lord be with you. **[C]** *(sung)* And with thy spirit.

[P] Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] *(sung)* Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21 ESV

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." ' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

[P] Fear the LORD, you his saints,

[C] for those who fear him lack nothing!

[P] Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

[C] but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12 ESV

¹ As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord. **[C]** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 18:21–35 ESV

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

[C] *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed 192

Hymn "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" 609 vv. 1-4

Sermon "How the Reign Reigns" **St. Matthew 18:21–35**

Installation of Sunday School and Release Time Teachers

Offertory and Offering 192-193

Prayer of the Church

Craig Hakes, Ron Kolar, Dorene Polz, Jeff Schaefer (Mary Muir's cousin), Lynette Zaske (Dee Kloos's sister), Corlyen Stoltenburg, Gloria Carlson (Shelly Tusa's sister), Richard Polz, Chad Kuehl (Don and Diana Kuehl's nephew), Leo Taylor (Don and Diana Kuehl's nephew's grandson), Mary Grantz, Helen Mekosch, Ann Olson, Lynn Propp (Dee Kloos's brother), Warren Schaefer (Mary Muir's cousin), Karen Temple, Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard's son), Ron Sinn, Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers the family of Vern Hansen, who recently passed away.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

Final petition:

P Merciful Master, You are always ready to forgive, though we deserve only punishment. Press the proclamation of this eager love deeply into our hearts, that we, too, may sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" 609 vv. 5-7

The Lord's Prayer

Collect

Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction 201-202

Hymn "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" 867

Postlude



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