

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

11213 Highway 49, Gulfport, MS 39503

LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus. Cry room and restroom facilities are available. Please ask an usher for the location. Please fill out the connection card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. If your connection card contains a prayer request, the Pastor will come down the aisle and collect it prior to the prayers. Pencils are located by the hymnals at the ends of the pews.

Announcements

Stand

Entrance Hymn: 507 - Holy, Holy, Holy

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free

ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 26

P ¹Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

C ²Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.

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

P ⁴I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.

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

C ⁶I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,
⁷proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

P ⁸O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.

⁹Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

C ¹⁰in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.

P ¹¹But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.

C ¹²My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

Kyrie *LSB 204*



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:

C Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

“If you return, I will restore you,
 and you shall stand before me.
 If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
 you shall be as my mouth.
 They shall turn to you,
 but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 declares the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

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

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse
 them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those
 who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be
 haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.
¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is
 honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it
 depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never
 avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is
 written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

²⁰To 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.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the

elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven**

and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.

From thence He will come 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.

Sit

Catechism: Holy Baptism - Fourth

P *What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

C It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P *Where is this written?*

C St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)

Children’s Message

All children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for a children’s message. Parents are welcome to accompany them.

Hymn of the Day: 784 - Take My Life and Let It Be, v.1-4

Sermon: “Take Up Your Cross”

Matthew 16:21-28

Pastor Linck

Collection of Prayers The Pastor will come down the aisle and collect any prayer requests.

Offering The offering plate will be passed down the rows. Both offerings and the connection cards may be placed in the plate.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sharing of Peace

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

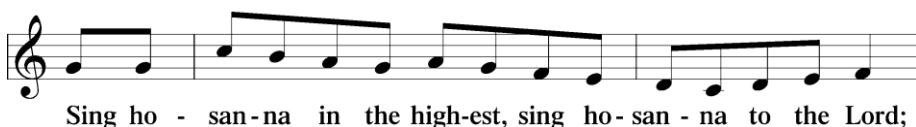
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed

death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters

might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

**☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness**

of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Hymns during Communion:

618 - I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

623 - Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

628 - Your Table I Approach

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him distribute to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

(If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion please cross your hands over your chest as a signal to the pastor.)

Membership in St. Matthew congregation is not required for partaking of the Lord's Supper. Those who commune with us are those who are one with us in faith. We believe that the Lord's body and blood are present in Communion together with the bread and the wine. We also believe God gives us forgiveness of sins through this means of grace and strengthens us for Christian living according to his will. Those who profess our belief, who have been baptized, who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament, and who are able to examine themselves spiritually before partaking of this divine blessing are invited to join us in receiving Holy Communion.

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

C We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 577 - Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms: Psalm 32:1-7

Epistle: Romans 13:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:1-20

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Today	Sunday School/Bible Class Worship 5 th Sunday Potluck	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Thursday 9/3	Quilting Club	10:00 a.m.
Next Sunday 9/6	Sunday School/Bible Class Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

VISITORS are always welcome: please let us know who you are, whether you are a snowbird, military, student, or just enjoying the sun, *and if there comes a time you desire to “officially” join our family, please let us directly know that by indicating such on the contact cards.* Also, we

would love to make you a name tag, visitor or member, so all may greet you by name. Name tag signup sheet is in the Narthex (lobby).

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING will be held after the service on September 13. We will be discussing the following items: Property Insurance, CD renewal, Cabinets for Church lobby.

GREETERS If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter, please let Don or Rose Shotzburger know. Greeters will stand by the doors after service, greeting newcomers and encouraging all to stay for refreshments and fellowship.

PLEASE BRING PLASTIC BAGS (from checkout lanes) not tied and put on table by medicine bottles. A member will take them to a school.

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK Today we will have our 5th Sunday potluck after the service. Join us for food and fellowship!

CRUISE RETREAT Grace Lutheran (Mobile) has invited our congregation to join them for a faith retreat and cruise, leaving Mobile January 11th. See the flyer in the Narthex for details.

EMAILS If you are not getting emails from Cynthia about St. Matthew announcements and events, please give her your email address, or email the office at m1919@bellsouth.net.

NARTHEX UPDATE Take a look at the proposed redesign of the Narthex/entryway, which is hanging on the wall near the nametags.. Your feedback is welcome to Pastor, Tim, or any member of the council.

CHURCH DIRECTORY needs editing. If you are a member, please check the contact list in the tray on the desk in the office. If your name and contact information are incorrect or missing, please write the correct information on that copy. **Also, please add your birthdays and anniversaries!** We will update our online directory, and get a new paper directory out. Thank you!

ST. MATTHEW COOKBOOK LWML is putting together a church cookbook. We are asking for your favorite recipes that you would like to share. This includes entrees, desserts, salads, hors d'oeuvres, beverages,

etc. Please give recipes to Stella Holmquist or email to holmies0707@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER Helen Magnuson has graciously offered to take on the monthly newsletter. Send all newsletter articles to Helen (helenmarymar@yahoo.com) or the office (m1919@bellsouth.net) **by the 25th of the month.**

ROOF FUND Members can contribute to the roof fund every Sunday through November 29. A collection plate and blank envelopes are available on the table in the foyer for donations. Daniel's Roofing Solutions is scheduled to replace the roof at St. Matthew the week of August 24, with the possibility of starting earlier. The total donations for July came to \$30,910.00.

BUILDING FUND St. Matthew is continuing the Building Fund Campaign to support the remodeling of our Church Building. Your support of this initiative is appreciated as we continue to modernize our facility. All contributions should be marked for Building Fund.

LAWN FUND The table with sale items is for the Lawn Fund. If you bring any items, please have sale price on the item.

CONTAINERS for medicine bottles, eyeglasses, egg cartons, cardboard rolls and Mardi Gras beads are on the table in the first hall pass the foyer. These items will be donated to charity.

SERVING US TODAY ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Larry H.;
READER: Carla H.; **USHERS** Bea C. & Patricia E.; **ALTAR:** Paula C.;
MUSIC: Cynthia C. and Lennox M.

Sunday, August 23, 2026
Attendance: 75 Communion: 68
Offering: \$2,341

Loose Plate, Envelopes, Other Received Jul, 2026	Interest Income Jul, 2026	Budget Jun, 2026	Jul Loose Plate, Envelopes, Interest Income, Other vs. Jul Budget	Jul Loose Plate, Envelopes, Interest Income, Other vs. Jul Budget	Specials, Jul 2026
\$10,316	\$513	\$19,313	(\$8,484)	56.1%	\$31,883

Loose Plate, Envelopes Received YTD, 2026	Interest Income Year to Date, 2026	Budget YTD, 2026	YTD Loose Plate, Envelopes & Interest Income vs. YTD Budget	YTD Loose Plate, Envelopes & Interest Income vs. YTD Budget	Specials YTD, 2026
\$131,814	\$4,224	\$135,191	\$847	100.6%	\$40,651

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