

PLATTVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 13, 2026

Prelude / Bell Ringing

Welcome & Introductions

DEDICATION OF THE ORGAN

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

ALL: And our mouths shall show forth your praise.

PSALM 150

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

OPENING HYMN "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" #851

The CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Faithful God,

Have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgement on one another before examining ourselves

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,

and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE “Thine Is the Glory”

#376

RECOGNITION OF 145TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONGREGATION

Reading: Solomon’s Prayer of Dedication 1 Kings 8:22-30 and 56-58

MESSAGE ON THE ANNIVERSARY – Orpha Bols

HYMN - God of Our Fathers, the Strength of Our People and Nation
(TUNE: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – Lobe Den Herren)

1. God of our fathers, the strength of our people and nation,
Gladly we come to Thy presence with true adoration,
Seeking Thy face, trusting Thy love and Thy grace,
Thou art our health and salvation.

2. God of all mercy, for pardon and peace we implore Thee,
Humbly confessing our faults and our failures before Thee.
Children of men, falling and rising again,
Still give us grace to adore Thee.

3. God of all peoples, let justice and peace like a river
Flow through the world until all, in one common endeavor,
Build among men brotherhood’s kingdom, and then
Thine be the glory forever.

PRAYER: O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. Make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Bless our land with honesty in the workplace, truth in education, and honor in daily life. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. In your name we pray, AMEN.

GREETING AND REMARKS – The Reverend Julie Monnard

INSTALLATION OF SYNOD AUTHORIZED MINISTERS

Congregation responds: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

MESSAGE - SAM Henrik Christopherson

HYMN : “I Love To Tell the Story”

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The SHARING OF THE PEACE

The OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN We Give Thee But Thine Own

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BLESSING OF QUILTS AND KITS - June Saidat

Congregational response: **Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

BLESSINGS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS - Patty Christopherson

Congregational response: **We praise you, O God.**

HYMN – “Earth and All Stars” verses 1, 4, 5

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PRESENTATION OF BIBLES - Katie Freeman

The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy” verses 1 and 4

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The LORD’s PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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“Beautiful Savior”

#838

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

#502

SENDING

The BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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The DISMISSAL

Forgiven and Freed

Today's gospel reading is all about forgiveness. In the complex web of human relationships, forgiveness often feels messy. We may not understand it, and it may at times feel entirely out of reach. Yet, as Christians, we are called to wrestle with the promise that even when forgiveness feels impossible, there is room for us and for others in the wideness of God's mercy. How do we make sense of this?

We might begin by experiencing God's forgiveness ourselves. Many worshiping communities begin the service with a time of confession and forgiveness. Together we name out loud the ways we have failed to love God and neighbor, the ways we have failed to recognize ourselves or one another as beloved children of God. We name how we have been complacent in systems of injustice, how we have harmed one another directly, and the hurtful things we don't even know we've done.

This practice may seem deeply unsettling; after all, where else do we greet each other with a list of all the things we've done wrong? But confession is also freeing. It gives us permission to stop pretending we have it all together. It allows us to shed the weight of our mistakes and lay down our burdens so our hands and hearts are ready to receive God's mercy.

And then, week after week, we hear God's words of forgiveness for us and for our neighbors. We are reminded that there is always and forever enough of God's grace and forgiveness to go around. The public declaration of our forgiveness frees us to enter into the rest of our worship service with open and grateful hearts. And then God's forgiveness sends us out in the world to practice the hard work of forgiving others and receiving their forgiveness in turn, knowing that God will meet us again and again with mercy and grace.