

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



June 21st, 2026

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. Our Saviour's is a dynamic community, centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent - to celebrate, serve and do justice.

You Are Welcome Here!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church celebrates the beauty of human diversity, knowing God creates every person in God's image. We welcome you in the fullness of who you are: at every age, with every ability and challenge; in every race, ethnicity, and citizenship; in neurodiversity and the many ways our minds work; and in every kind of relationship and family. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm that all people are beloved by God and worthy of dignity, belonging, care, and full participation. Mindful of the harm of exclusion, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of racial equity, justice, and service, growing in our practice of welcome as we journey together toward God's beloved community.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel*, from the entry table.

Children are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids and their parents are invited to go in and out of the sanctuary as needed.

Safe Church. For the safety of all children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

Transportation And Parking

Parking - Parking is available in the parking lot behind church. There is street parking as well as in the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. There are handicap parking spots available in the front and back of the church.

Bus - The D line runs every 10 minutes on Chicago Ave. For more options, visit metrotransit.org.

Mission Of The Month: Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, LWR tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. Affirming God's love for all people, LWR's mission is to work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. Thank you for your support! If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code.



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God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

*Opening Hymn

Come, Let Us Worship God

Ray Makeever

1. (Come let us worship God.) **Come, let us worship God.** (2x)
(Welcome ev'ryone.) **Welcome ev'ryone.**
(To the love of God.) **To the love of God.**
2. (Rest for the weary.) **Rest for the weary.** (2x)
3. (Food for the hungry.) **Food for the hungry.** (2x)
4. (Hope for the children.) **Hope for the children.** (2x)

*Greeting

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Compassionate God,

We turn to you for healing and forgiveness.

For our gain from others' harm,

for the harm our hands have done,

for our failure to honor all peoples,

for our neglect of Christ's command to love,

O God, in your mercy, forgive us.

Hear these words of hope:

Beloved, in Jesus Christ, God comes

and gathers us into Love's wide embrace.

*=indicates God's children rise in body or spirit

In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
Led by the Spirit in ways of healing and truth,
let us pursue right relationship with our neighbors
according to God's gracious call. **Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O God, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you were too powerful for me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of God has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹ If I say, "I will not mention God,
or speak any more in the name of God,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps Jeremiah can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
¹¹ But God is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O God of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to God;
praise God!
For God has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

***Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia

Ray Makeever

1* 2
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

3 4
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

** May be sung in canon*

***Gospel**

Matthew 10:24-39

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

²⁴ “A student is not superior to the teacher; the follower is not above the leader. ²⁵ The student should be glad simply to become like the teacher, the follower like the leader. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of the household! ²⁶ Don’t let people intimidate you. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing is hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light. What you hear in private, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Don’t fear those who can deprive the body of life but can’t destroy the soul. Rather, fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna. ²⁹ Are not the sparrows sold for pennies? Yet not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Abba God’s knowledge. ³⁰ As for you, every hair of your head has been counted. ³¹ So don’t be afraid of anything—you are worth more than an entire flock of sparrows. ³² Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before Abba God in heaven. ³³ Whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before Abba God in heaven. ³⁴ Don’t suppose that I came to bring peace on earth. I came

not to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ I have come to turn ‘A son against his father, a daughter against her mother, in-law against in-law. ³⁶ One’s enemies will be the members of one’s own household.’ ³⁷ Those who love mother or father, daughter or son more than me are not worthy of me. ³⁸ Those who will not carry with them the instrument of their own death—following in my footsteps—are not worthy of me. ³⁹ You who have found your life will lose it, and you who lose your life for my sake will find it.

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

After the children’s sermon, young children may remain in worship in the sanctuary or explore the play area in the hospitality center with a caring adult.

Sermon

There is space for sermon notes either on the insert page or on the table by the font.

***Hymn of the Day**

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

***Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends: God of Grace, hear our prayer.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Gathering our Gifts

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour’s use this QR Code.



1 Thank you, God, thank you, God,
 2 Been so good, been so good,
 3 Love you, God, love you, God,

thank you, God, I just want to thank you, God.
 been so good, I just want to thank you, God.
 love you, God, I just want to thank you, God.

*Offertory Prayer

*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Living God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Eucharistic Prayer

As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:

As cued by the pastor, please join in the eucharistic prayer.

... We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

... We bless you, O God. **We bless you, O God.**

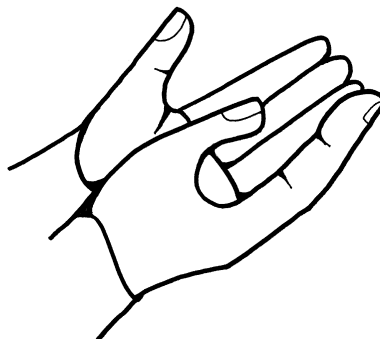
... We thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.**

Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,

Jesus Christ will come again.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe

Jesus Christ will come again.



*The Prayer of Jesus

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

Healing Prayer at the Font

During communion distribution, you are invited to the font for individual prayers.

Songs During Communion

This Is Christ's Body

ACS 967

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
with mer - cy and love.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

The third system of musical notation, concluding the hymn. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

*Blessing

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Benediction

This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.

As you go on your way may Christ go with you
May Christ go before you to show you the way
May Christ go behind you to encourage you
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over
Within you to give you peace.

*Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

Postlude

All are invited to the Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Rebekah Fergus
Reader:	Elizabeth Hanson
Prayers:	Kim Guessford
Special Music:	Catherine Preus
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Communion Recruiters:	5th & 6th graders
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, June 24

8:30AM-9:30AM DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (CR/Zoom)

Saturday, June 27

9:00AM-12PM Quilting (HC)

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