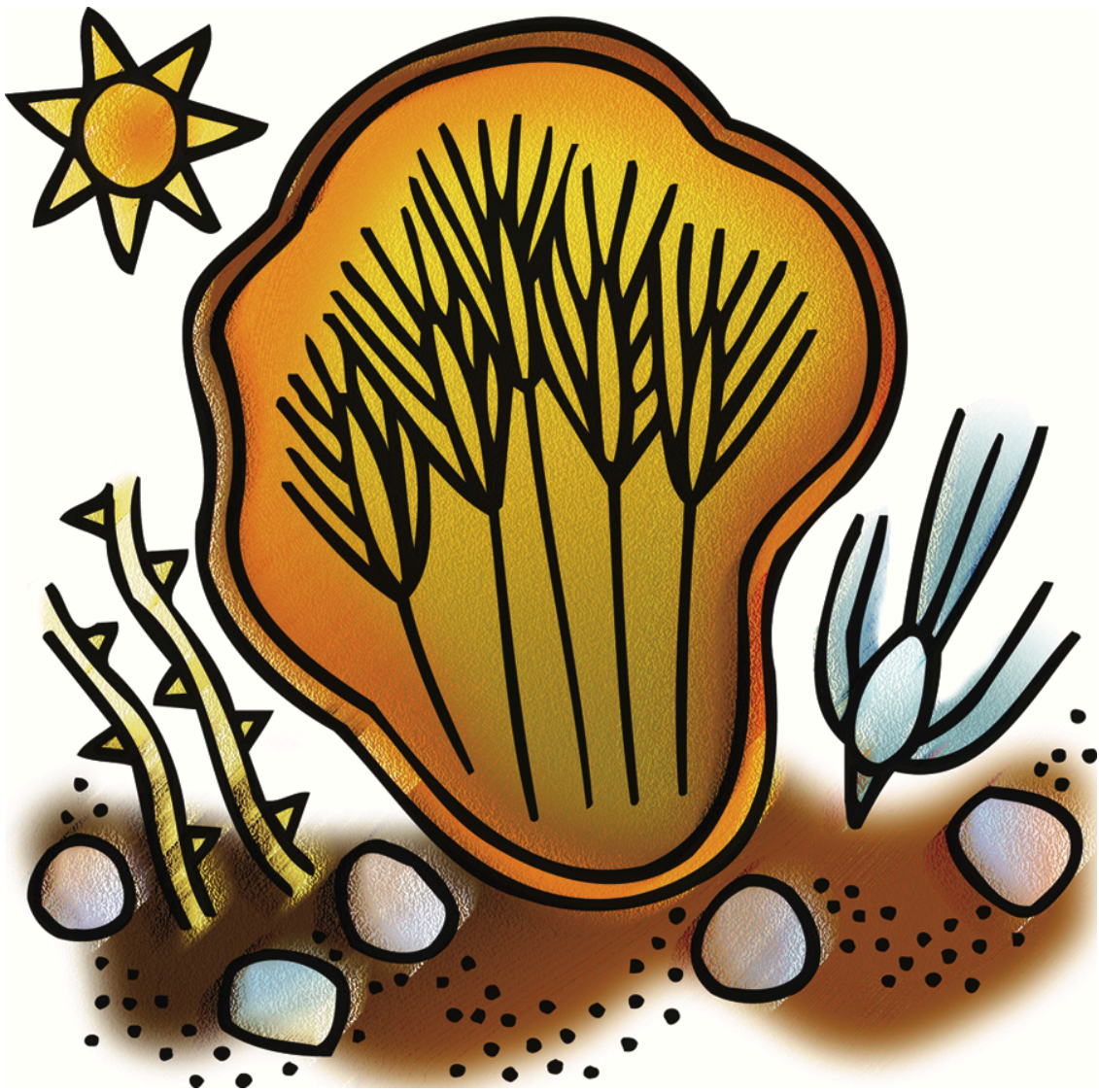


Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



July 12th, 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: Casa Esperanza (Hope House)

Casa Esperanza is a ministry of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church that provides basic care to people experiencing homelessness in San Salvador. For more than 25 years, this Ministry of Love & Solidarity has been a welcoming place where men, women, and families can gather, share a hot meal, shower and wash their clothing, receive basic first aid, and participate in substance abuse recovery programs. This coming August, a delegation that includes members of OSLC will visit Casa Esperanza and deliver the funds we have raised to support this vital ministry.



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God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At God's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit 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**

*Prayer of the Day

Word

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

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

- ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

- ¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia

Ray Makeever

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

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

***Gospel**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (Spark Bible page 292)

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And in the sowing, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the dominion of heaven and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Children's Sermon

After the children's sermon, young children may go with the nursery minister for children's church and be welcomed back during the sharing of the peace. They are also most welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

Sermon

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

*Hymn of the Day

If Not For Your Grace

Israel Houghton

Verses sung by cantor, congregation sings chorus as indicated.

Chorus

Grace that restores
Grace that redeems
Grace that releases
Me to be

Grace that repairs
Visions and dreams
Grace that releases
Me to be...your grace.

Where would I be if not for your grace?

Repeat as directed with harmonies below.



Where would I be if not for Your grace?

*Prayers of the People

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

Marriage

We witness as Renate and Joel make promises to one another.

Vows

Renate and Joel, I invite you to declare your vows to one another.

The couple may join hands. Each promises faithfulness to the other.

Giving of Rings

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God of grace, for your love and faithfulness to your people. May these rings be symbols of the promise Renate and Joel have made with each other; through Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

Affirmation of the Assembly

Families, friends, and all those gathered here with Renate and Joel, will you support and care for them, sustain and pray for them in times of trouble, give thanks with them in times of joy, honor the bonds of their covenant, and affirm the love of God reflected in their life together? **We will.**

Acclamation

Renate and Joel, by their promises before God and in the presence of this assembly, have joined themselves to one another as wife and husband. Those whom God has joined together let no one separate. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

Marriage Blessing

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

Wedding Choir

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.



***Offertory**

People Give Thanks

JBS 28

Refrain

Peo - ple, give thanks, give thanks to God with your
whole heart. Peo - ple, give thanks, give
thanks to God with your whole heart.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Peo - ple, give thanks, give thanks to God with your'. The second staff continues with 'whole heart. Peo - ple, give thanks, give'. The third staff concludes with 'thanks to God with your whole heart.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

***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.

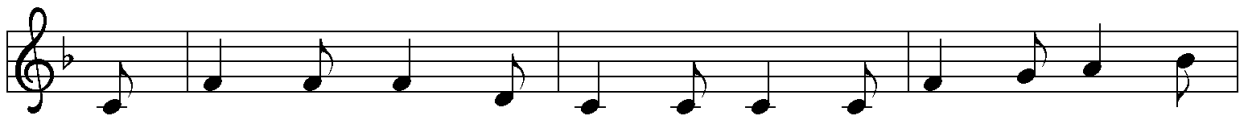
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**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.*

Songs During Communion

I Come With Joy

ELW 482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



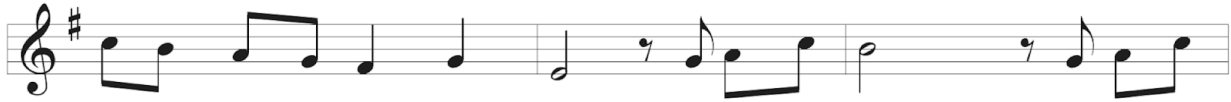
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Love's Wide Embrace

Bret Hesla



1, 4. We have been called. We have been called to cel - e - brate our
2. We have been held. We have been held in ten-der care as
3. We have been sent. We have been sent and glad-ly go to



home here in love's wide em - brace. To bear in mind, to bear in
we lay wound-ed by the road. Re-ceive-ing grace. Re-ceive-ing
stand where bor - ders must be crossed. To chal-lenge powers, to chal-lenge



mind all that we share; to join the song of love's good ways. Hal - le -
heal - ing at the hands of stran - gers with the face of God. Hal - le -
powers, to wel-come all, em - bra - cing love's full joys and costs. Hal - le -



lu - ya, we have been called to join the song of love's good ways.
lu - ya, we have been healed by strang - ers with the face of God.
lu - ya, we have been sent em - bra - cing love's full joys and costs.

For Everyone Born

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice

And joy, compassion and peace:

**Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, Justice
and joy.**

2. For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong, **Refrain**
3. For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free, **Refrain**

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O God, grant us

pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
feast of love, God, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O God, fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
God, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

*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.

Go in peace to love and serve.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

All are invited to the front immediately following the service for a group photo.

Immediate family and Prudden Relations should stay for more photos after the whole group photo.

Everyone is invited to the Hospitality Center for Renate and Joel's wedding reception.

Renate Willer & Joel Beard



Welcome & Thank You

Thank you everyone for being with us and sharing our joy today! We each became members of Our Saviour's independently in 2017 and actually met and became friends through the membership process. At this church, each of us has been welcomed, challenged, and nurtured. When we decided to get married, we realized that having the ceremony during a regular Sunday service among our church community would be the most meaningful way to begin our life together as a married couple. To Nancy, Jeanne, the July Hospitality Team, Rico, the pastors, the music team and so many others, thank you very much for the planning and execution of the special church service and reception. To our family and friends who are visiting Our Saviour's, we are delighted that you chose to join us today and are grateful for your love and care. To Our Saviour's friends and family, thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

Renate and Joel are both keeping their surnames at present. There will likely be a change in the future. Their address will continue to be 950 Cromwell Ave #1, St. Paul, MN 55114.

SERMON NOTES

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Wedding Couple:	Renate Willer & Joel Beard
Reader:	Amy Blumenshine
Prayers:	Mike Troutman
Special Music:	OSLC Choir, Friends, & Family
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jim Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, July 15

08:30AM-9:30AM DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (CR/Zoom)

Saturday, July 18

5:00-9:00PM Indigenous Cooking Class (HC+K)

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