

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



July 19th, 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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It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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.

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

Hear these words of hope:
Beloved, in Jesus Christ, God comes
and gathers us into Love's wide embrace.
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

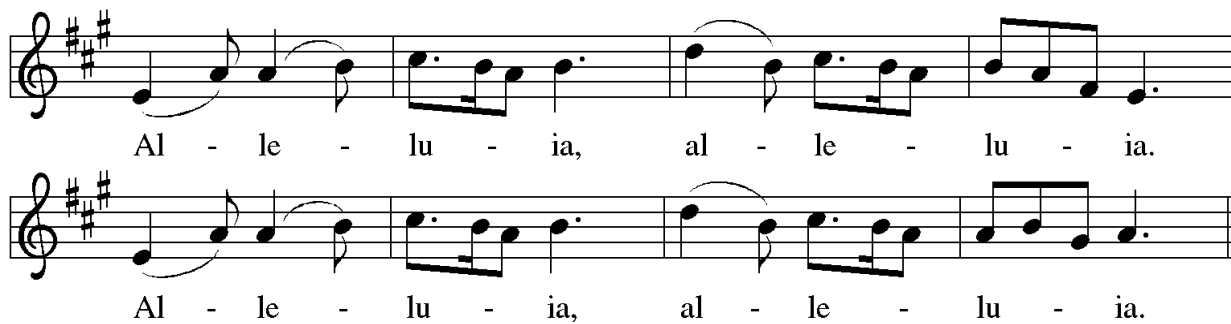
Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the Lord, the Sovereign of Israel,
and Israel's Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there besides me any other deity?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

Celtic Alleluia



***Gospel**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

²⁴ Jesus presented another parable to those gathered: “The kin-dom of heaven is like a farmer who sowed good seed in a field. ²⁵ While everyone was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then made off. ²⁶ When the crop began to mature and yield grain, the weeds became evident as well. ²⁷ “The farmer’s workers came and asked, ‘Did you not sow good seed in your field? Where are the weeds coming from?’ ²⁸ “The farmer replied, ‘I see an enemy’s hand in this.’ “They in turn asked, ‘Do you want us to go out and pull them up?’ ²⁹ “ ‘No,’ replied the farmer, ‘if you pull up the weeds, you might take the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let them grow together until the harvest, then at harvest time I will order the harvesters first to collect the weeds and bundle them up to burn, then to gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then Jesus left the crowd and went into the house. The disciples also came in and said, “Explain the parable about the weeds in the field.” ³⁷ Jesus answered, “The farmer sowing the good seed is the Chosen One, ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed, the citizens of the kin-dom. The weeds are the followers of the Evil One, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world, while the harvesters are the angels. ⁴⁰ Just as weeds are collected and burned, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Chosen One will send the angels who will weed out the kin-dom of everything that causes sin and all who act lawlessly. ⁴² The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ But those who are just will shine like the sun in the kin-dom of their Abba God. Let those who have ears to hear, hear this!

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

Dazzling Bouquet

Bret Hesla



Refrain: Mine is the church where ev - ery - bo - dy's wel - come.
1. Come here, all you six - foot glad - i - o - las.
2. We don't sim - ply tol - er - ate__ each__ oth - er.
3. Our de - mons keep try - ing to__ di - vide us;



I know it's true 'cause I got through the door.
Come all you pur - ple li - lacs shin - ing bright.
We ask and tell, we don't just turn a - way.
They doc - u - ment their lies to make them true.



We are a daz - ling bou - quet of ev - ery kind of flow - er.
Come let us all bloom to - geth - er in__ one__ gar - den:
We give at - ten - tion to ev - ery bud__ and__ blos - som.
To - day we're freed from our judg - ing and__ ex - clu - ding.



Jump in the vase, 'cause we've got space for more.
A car - ni - val of fra - grance and de - light. (Refrain)
Let ev - ery face come grace the grand bou - quet. (Refrain)
Just look a - round en - joy the love - ly view. (Refrain)

*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.

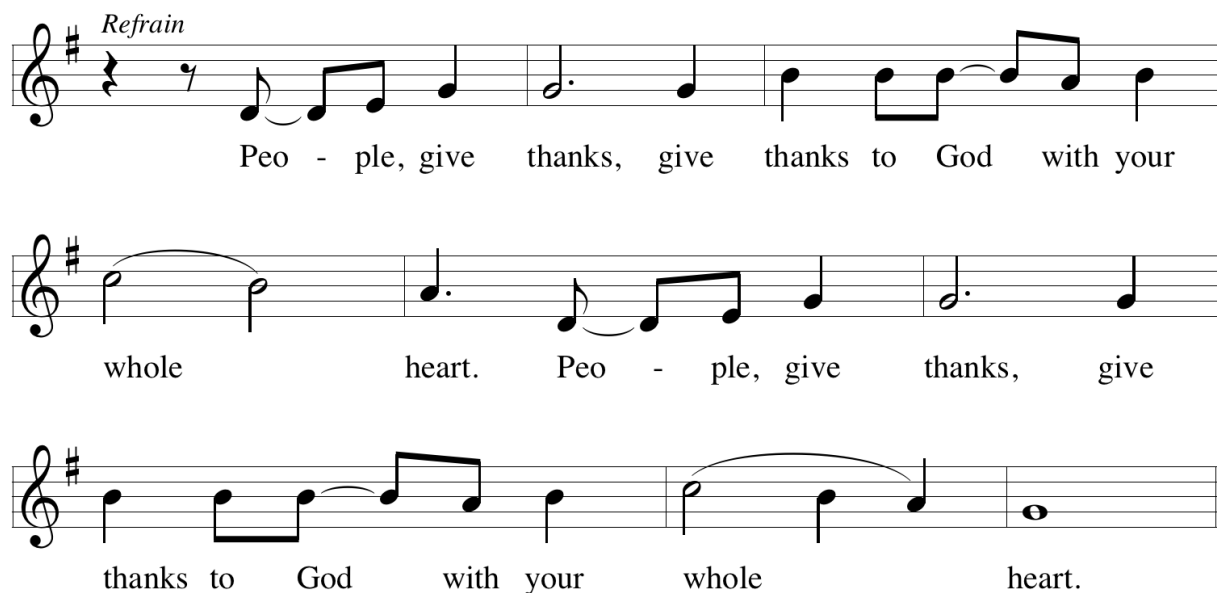


*Offertory

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.

*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

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ELW 693

***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**

Go in peace to love and serve.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Kristie Hennig
Preaching:	Ralph Baumgartner
Reader:	Ott Abrahamson
Prayers:	Joel Abrahamson
Children's Sermon:	Liz Lewis
Special Music:	Julie Abrahamson
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, July 22

No DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (CR/Zoom)

Saturday, July 25

9:00AM-12PM Quilting (HC)

Sunday, July 26

Baptism of Hugo Novak during Sunday service.

SERMON NOTES

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