

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



July 5th, 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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The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.

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.
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

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ The king will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

Celtic Alleluia

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

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

*Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 11th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “What comparison can I make with this generation? They are like children shouting to others as they sit in the marketplace, ¹⁷ ‘We piped you a tune, but you wouldn’t dance. We sang you a dirge, but you wouldn’t mourn.’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He is possessed.’ ¹⁹ The Chosen One comes, eating and drinking, and they say, ‘This one is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ Wisdom will be vindicated by her own actions.”

²⁵ Then Jesus prayed, “Abba God, Creator of heaven and earth, to you I offer praise; for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever, you have revealed to the youngest children. ²⁶ Yes, Abba, everything is as you want it to be.” ²⁷ Jesus continued, “Everything has been handed over to me by Abba God. No one knows the Only Begotten except Abba God, and no one knows Abba God except the Only Begotten—and those to whom the Only Begotten wants to give that revelation. ²⁸ Come to me, all you who labor and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Here you will find rest for your souls, ³⁰ for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

This Is My Song

ELW 887

*Prayers of the People

Litany of the Nations

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.

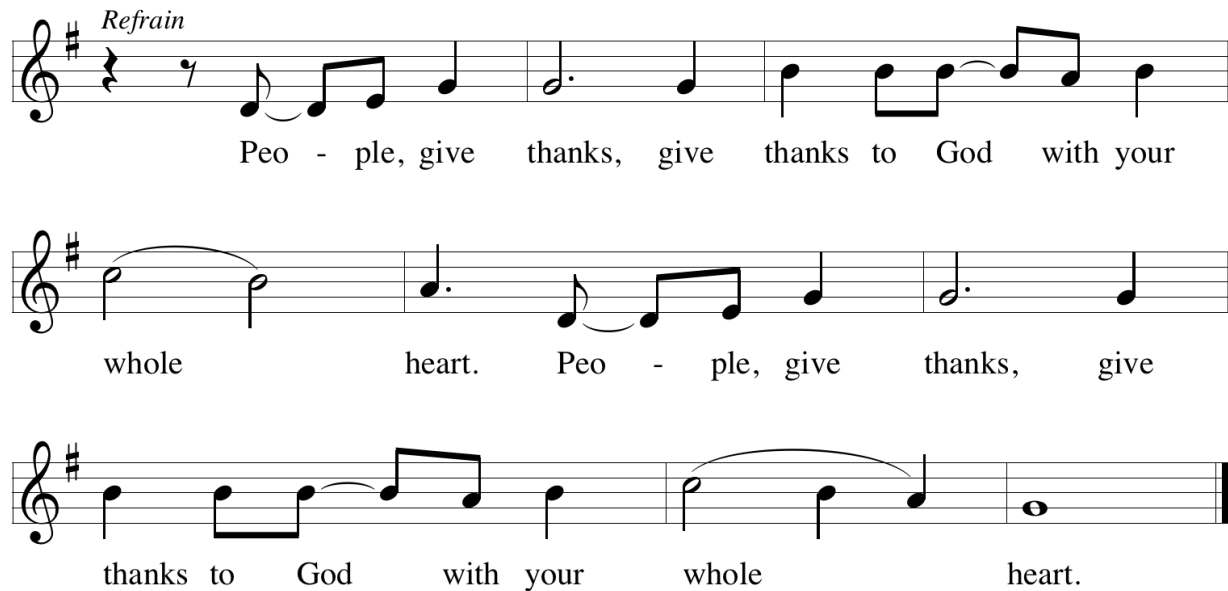


*Offertory

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

All Who Are Thirsty

ACS 981

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,

The first system of musical notation for 'All Who Are Thirsty'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (two sharps). The treble staff has a 'Leader' part and an 'All' part. The lyrics are: 'All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,'. The bass staff provides accompaniment with chords and a few moving lines.

come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.' The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

All who are thirst - y,

There's e - nough for all.

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff has the lyrics: 'All who are thirst - y, There's e - nough for all.' The bass staff continues the accompaniment and ends with a double bar line.

Build a Longer Table

ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



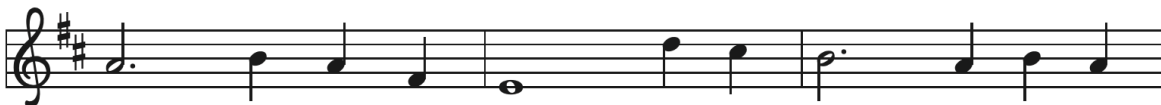
Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Come to Me, Oh Weary Traveler

ACS 1017



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
fore you; do not run from me in fright."
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

***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:	Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Esther Sianipar
Reader:	Laura Twedell
Prayers:	Jonah Sitorus
Special Music:	Ziggy Smith
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, July 8

No DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (CR/Zoom)

Saturday, July 11

7:30-11AM Breakfast Club (K)

9:00AM-12PM Quilting (HC)

Sunday, July 12

Renate Willer and Joel Beard Wedding during the service
followed by reception

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