

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



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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: Wilderness Canoe Base

Our Saviour's has a special relationship with Wilderness Canoe Base (WCB) that spans decades. When you give to WCB, your gift supports Christ-centered camp experiences that change lives. Your gift supports a robust campership program that provides scholarships to hundreds of campers each year. Your gift allows people to experience God in a different context. Living, learning, and playing in Christian community surrounded by God's beautiful creation provides a unique experience for people of all ages.



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In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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)

*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.**

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

*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.**

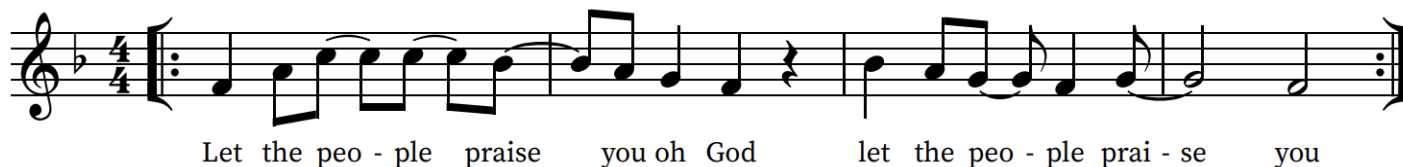
*Prayer of the Day

Word

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

First Reading

Psalm 67



May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. *Antiphon*

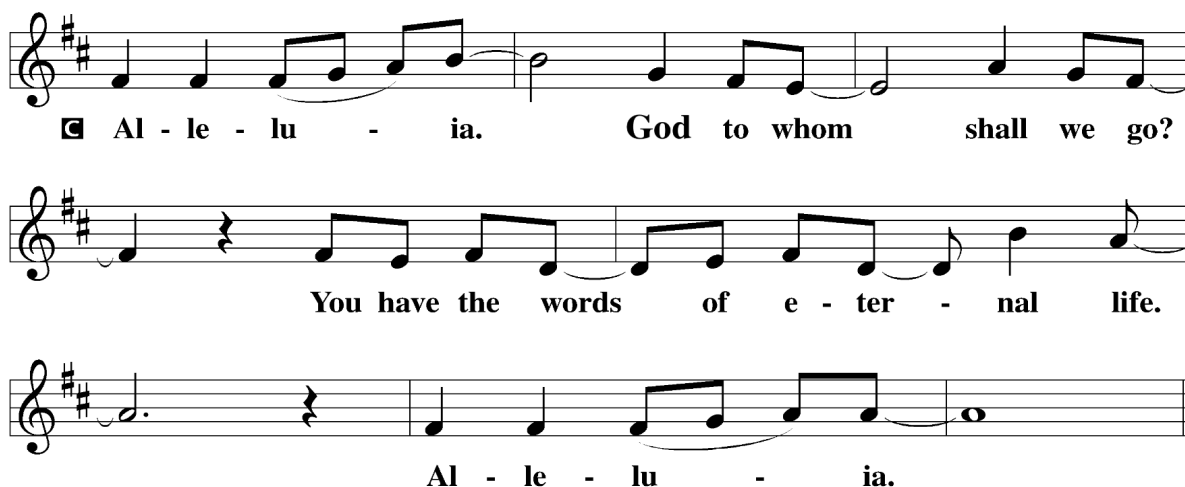
⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth. *Antiphon*

⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. *Antiphon*

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

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel

Matthew 15: 21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Nonviolence Principles Song

Nonviolence (**nonviolence**) is for the courageous (**is for the courageous**)
And I'm courageous (**and I'm courageous**)
Do you want to be courageous? (**do you want to be courageous?**)

Anyone can hit you back (**uh-huh**)
Anyone can get you back (**uh-huh**)

If someone bullies you (**uh-huh**)
Let me tell you what to do (**uh-huh**)
If anyone violates you, (**uh-huh**)
Let me tell you what to do (**uh-huh**)

Get up, stand up (**Get up, stand up**)
Stand up for your rights (**Stand up for your rights**)
Get up, stand up (**Get up, stand up**)
There's another way to fight (**There's another way to fight**)
There's a better way to fight (**There's a better way to fight**)

(Ohh) It's okay to change your mind.
Show us your courage, leave this behind.
Ohh it's okay to change your mind,
and you can join us, join us here anytime.

***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**

All That We Have

Refrain

All that we have and all that we of - fer comes from a
heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and
give what we need, all done in your name.

***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:

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.

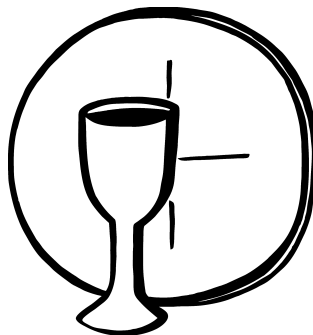
**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites 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.

Distribution

All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. After receiving bread or a gluten-free wafer, hold out your glass for grape juice. Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing by crossing their arms.

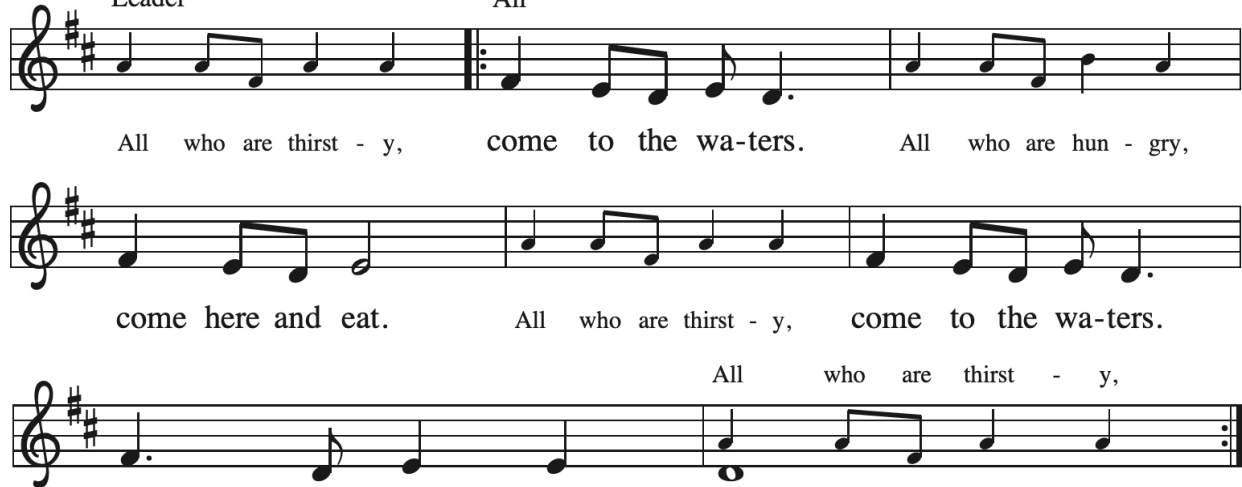


Songs During Communion

All Who Are Thirsty

ACS 981

Leader All



All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,
come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.
All who are thirst - y,
There's e - nough for all.

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.

Now Behold The Lamb

ELW 341

***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 Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.

Are you interested in becoming a member or just learning more about OSLC?

Please reach out to one of the pastors:

martha@oursavioursmppls.org - esther@oursavioursmppls.org

Our next New Member Sunday is Sunday, October 25!

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Reader:	Steve Lindley
Prayers:	Dan Swenson-Klatt
Special Music:	Levi & Joan Comstock
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, August 19

8:30AM: DABS

10:15AM: Bible Study (CR/Zoom)

Saturday, August 22

9:00AM-12PM: Quilting (HC)

Wednesday, August 26

6:00-8:00PM: OSLC BLOCK PARTY (Backyard)

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