

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



August 30th, 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: 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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The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering 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)**

***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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O God, remember me! Remember me and help me! Avenge me on my persecutors. You are slow to anger—do not take me away. For I suffer insults for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I devoured them. Your word was my delight and the joy of my heart. For I was called by your Name, God Omnipotent. ¹⁷ I took no pleasure in sitting with merrymakers; with your hand on me I sat alone, choking with the indignation you filled me with. ¹⁸ Why is my pain ongoing, my wound incurable, refusing to heal? Why, you're like a spring that dries up when it's needed most, like waters that can't be relied upon! ¹⁹ Then God answered me: "If you repent, I will return you to my service. If you extract the valuable from the worthless, you will be my mouthpiece. Let them come back to you, but you must not go back to them ²⁰ I will make you a bronze wall fortified against this people. They will fight against you but they will not overcome you. For I am with you, to save you and deliver you—it is God who speaks. ²¹ I will free you from the hand of the evildoer, and rescue you from the clutches of the violent."

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

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. God to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel**

Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Promised One is to come with the angels in the glory of the Most High and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Promised One coming in his reign.”

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**

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

***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

I Lift My Voice

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.

The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff begins with a 'Refrain' label. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*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.

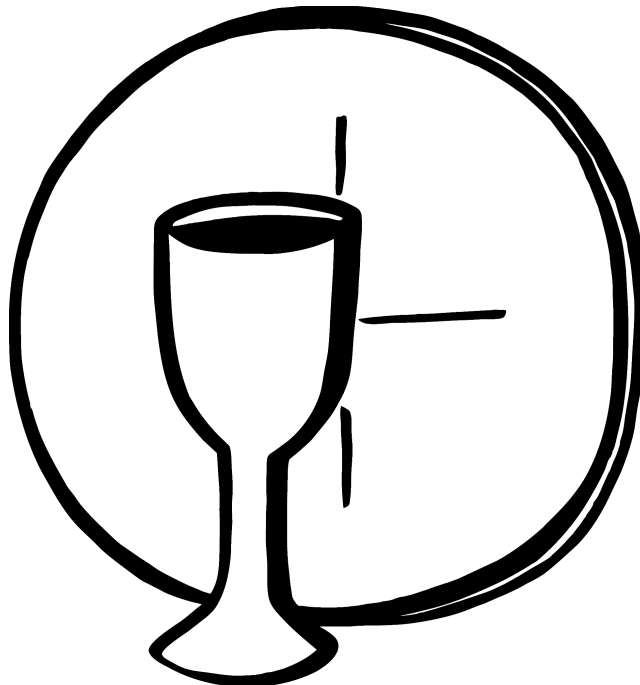
**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites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

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

Spirit, Open My Heart

ACS 1043

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

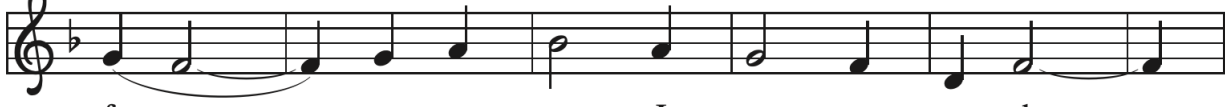


1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

***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:	Esther Sianipar
Reader:	Ralph Baumgartner
Offertory:	I Lift My Voice
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, September 3

8:30AM: DABS

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

Saturday September 5

7AM - Men's Breakfast

Sunday September 6

10:30AM - Joint Service at All Nations Indian Church

followed by potluck

(1515 E 23rd St, Minneapolis, MN 55404)

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