

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



August 9th, 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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Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

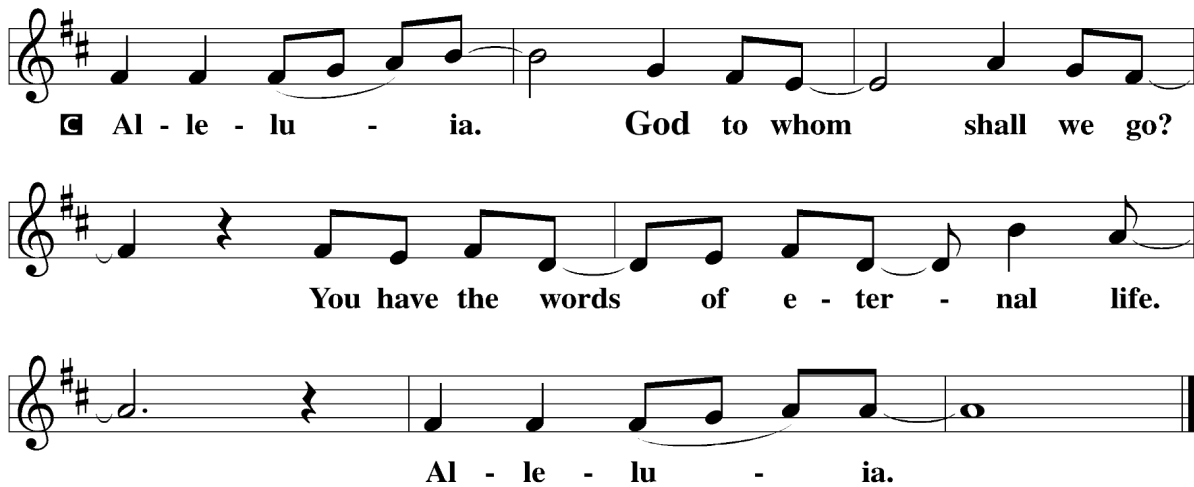
Then the word of God came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰ Elijah answered, “I have been very zealous for God, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ God said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before God, for God is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces, but God was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but God was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for God, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then God said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33 (*Spark Bible page 294*)

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, here I am; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when Peter noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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.

5. When tyrants tremble, sick with fear In prison cell and dungeon vile
And hear their death-knell ringing Our thoughts to them are winging
When friends rejoice both far and near When friends by shame are undefiled
How can I keep from singing? How can I keep from singing?

*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

Musical notation for the offertory refrain, consisting of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

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.**

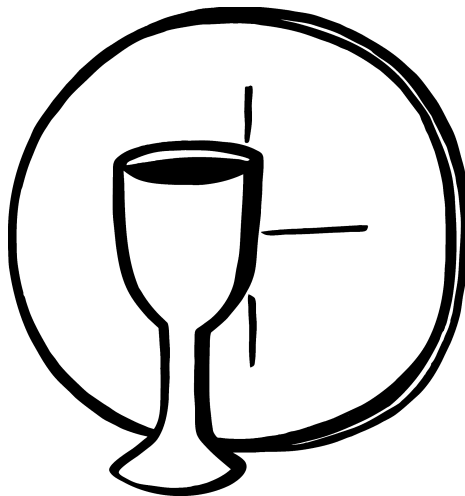
**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites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

Where Love and Justice Combine

Bret Hesla



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| 1. Where love and jus - tice com - bine, | Where love and jus - tice com - bine | God has |
| 2. Deep in the bus - iness of life ____ | Deep in the bus - iness of life ____ | God has |
| 3. Shar - ing the fruit of the land ____ | Shar - ing the fruit of the land | God has |
| 4. 'Mid ev - ery sor - row and joy ____ | 'Mid ev - ery sor - row and joy ____ | God has |
| 5. Spread - ing the ta - ble with peace | Spread - ing the ta - ble with peace | God has |
| 6. Held in com - mu - ni - ty's arms | Held in com - mu - ni - ty's arms | God has |



wel - comed us home. ____ O be - lov - ed of mine, ____ may we dwell there



Where love and jus - tice com - bine, ____	Where love and jus - tice com - bine ____	God has
Deep in the bus - iness of life ____	Deep in the bus - iness of life ____	God has
Shar - ing the fruit of the land ____	Shar - ing the fruit of the land ____	God has
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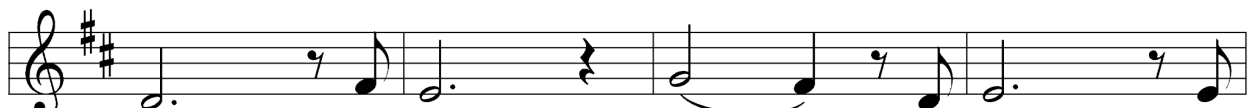


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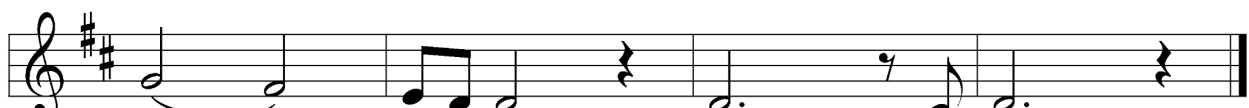
Calm to the Waves

ELW 794

Peace, Be Still



Peace, be still. Peace, be still. The



storm rag - es. Peace, be still.

***Blessing**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Sending & Blessing of those traveling to El Salvador

***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.

ISAIAH Series: The Power of Christian Public Witness Session 3 will begin at 11 AM in the Hospitality Center.

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Reader:	Debra Richardson
Prayers:	Dan Swenson-Klatt
Children's Message:	Liz Lewis
Special Music:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Tuesday, August 11

6:40PM: Lutheran Night Out (Target Field)

Wednesday, August 12

8:30AM: DABS

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

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