

# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

## Sunday Worship - July 12, 2026



### WELCOME



ELCA

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.

## Season after Pentecost

### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** *The Darkest Hour is Just Before Dawn* - Ralph Stanley Blue Grass Band

### **\*CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Creator, † Christ, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

### **\*GATHERING HYMN** *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*

CHORUS:

Swing low, sweet chariot,  
Comin' for to carry me home;  
Swing low, sweet chariot,  
Comin' for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,  
Comin' for to carry me home,  
A band of angels comin' after me,  
Comin' for to carry me home.

CHORUS

If you get there before I do,  
Comin' for to carry me home,  
Tell all my friends I'm comin' too,  
Comin' for to carry me home.

CHORUS

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down  
Comin' for to carry me home  
But still my soul feels heavenly bound  
Comin' for to carry me home

CHORUS

**An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit. Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

*As we prepare for worship, take time to look around, to settle in, to receive the Holy Spirit's presence.*



## \*GREETING

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### FIRST READING: Genesis 4:19-21

<sup>19</sup> Lamech took two wives; the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. <sup>20</sup> Adah bore Jabal; he was the ancestor of those who live in tents and have livestock. <sup>21</sup> His brother's name was Jubal; he was the ancestor of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

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

### PSALM: Psalm 150

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!

<sup>4</sup> **Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!**

<sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

<sup>6</sup> **Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!**

### SECOND READING: Colossians 3:15-17

<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

## WORD

*Our first reading is from the book of Genesis.*

*Genealogies may be the least read sections of the Bible. But there are surprises, and even grace, in such lists. Genesis 4 begins with Cain murdering his brother Abel. You might think that Cain's story would end there. It does not. Of all things, our reading follows with the listing of Cain's descendants. In it, Genesis notes that Jubal, the 7th generation of Cain's line, was "the ancestor of those who play lyre and pipe:" that is, music. Even from tragedy, God can bring good.*

*Our second reading is from Paul's letter to the Colossian church.*

*Chapters 3 and 4 are mostly devoted to a variety of ethical instructions. But tucked into that section are words aimed at the church's life and liturgy. The verses that open and close our reading contain a call to thankfulness. Between that bracketing of thanks, the author calls on the church, then and now, to express such gratitude in the gifts of music and song.*

## \*GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Luke 15:17-28a

The gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON - "With Gratitude for Music and Musicians"

#### \*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #861

#### When Long before Time *The Singer and the Song*



1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,  
2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,  
3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,  
4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,  
their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;  
its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,  
and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,  
the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—  
and crea - ture - ly voi - ces sang praise to the morn.  
the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.  
our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,  
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,  
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,  
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,  
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
be glory forever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936  
Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison  
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#### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

#### \*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

**OFFERING** *I'm Living the Right Life Now* Bill Clifton & Leonard Stoten

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

## **\*WORDS OF INVITATION**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to **God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and  
Creator, we pray as Jesus taught,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

This congregation tends to use the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. You are also encouraged to address God in a way that most opens your heart to relationship with God (Creator, Father and Mother, Abba, Our Only Home are a few options). Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.

## COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten free wafers available by request. The wine is red; grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*The Great Speckled Bird* - Rev. Guy Smith  
ELW #779 *Amazing Grace* - hymnal

Blue Grass Band

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### SENDING PRAYER

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✠ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN ELW #677 This Little Light of Mine**

**This Little Light of Mine**

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935  
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*Turn to follow the cross as it passes and leads us to love and service in the world.*

**\*DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Newcomers** + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion.

**Families** + we have a small play area (pray-ground) up front. The joyful sounds and movements of children in worship are the welcome sounds of children growing in faith. Parents, thank you for doing the hard work of worshipping with children. This congregation is here to support you.

**Hearing Assistance** + headphones are available to assist in hearing the service. Please contact an usher to get set up with one.

**Nametags** + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

**Expansive Language** + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

**Prayer Requests:** Amy; Alecia Chrin; Justin Schneider; Gerry Meyer; Fred Alvord; Corky Ronstadt, Mary Neff; Liz, and all at home and in care facilities.

**Our Extended Family:** Friends and Family of John Shelton upon his death (former member); Friends and Family of Kathy Gregory upon the death of her husband Gary (friends of Ann and Bill DeVinney); Liz (friend of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Sarah (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally, Friends and Family of Carol, and Ashley, (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak); John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Sidibe, and Zinsou, (friends of Rachel Starner); Ann (friend of Suzanne Hesh).

*Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.*

**OVERVIEW**

The readings for the seventh Sunday in Pentecost celebrate the gift and power of music. Genesis refers to the surprising “inventor” of music. The psalmist summons an “orchestra” to sound God’s praise. Colossians anchors the church’s worship in music. Jesus tells a parable in Luke whose climax includes music. Music first accompanies a celebration for welcoming grace. But that same music triggers resistance when grace is judged to be undeserved.

**THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 7/12/26**

- Presiding Minister** Rev. John Indermark
- Assisting Minister** Kathy DeVinney
- Communion Assistants** Bonnie Phelps, Mo Krieg
- Acolyte** Jennifer Strand
- Keyboard** Dawn Hartley
- Music** Blue Grass Band
- Usher** Patty Sirls, Jennifer Strand
- Greeter** Diane Siefkes
- Cross Bearer** Diane Siefkes
- Coffee Host** Fred Hudson
- Treats** Gloria Schmidt
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark

**THOSE SERVING TODAY 7/19/2026**

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Assisting Minister** Nilu Dorschner
- Communion Assistants** John Indermark
- Acolyte** Mary Lou Forier
- Keyboard** Dawn Hartley
- Cantor** Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
- Usher** Patty Sirls, Pam Hardman
- Greeter** Joanna Keyl
- Cross Bearer**
- Coffee Host** Eric Howard
- Treats** Gloria Schmidt
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark

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