

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship - June 2026



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ELCA

WELCOME

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.

Welcome Newcomers

We hope you are comfortable here. A few notes about our bulletin and worship. The white part of the bulletin gets re-used each week to conserve resources. The right-side margin contains details about the service and readings to help you connect more fully with worship. The yellow insert contains today's readings, songs, prayer requests, and announcements. Please take it home for your continued use this week. You can find more details for newcomers on the back page of the white bulletin. We are glad you are here - you are welcome in this space because of who you are.

Being Lutheran

As Lutherans, we see, hear, teach, and follow Jesus for the sake of our neighbor. Neighbor means anyone other than us, including creation. We see God in vulnerability - God meets us at the cross. In our deepest pain, God is present. Baptized into Christ, we live a new life - claimed and named forever as God's beloved. In the bread and wine of communion we receive and share Christ with all of creation. This is because of who God is, not because of what we do (or don't do). We receive God's grace through faith - in Scripture, the living word of God, and the sacraments of baptism and communion, which transform our lives so that we love and serve God, our neighbor and all of creation. A transformed life is one centered in Christ by the Spirit, following and trusting in God alone; freed to love, liberate, and serve.

Season after Pentecost

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

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

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for Reflection

Compassionate God,
we confess to you our sin.
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 Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

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

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



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

*This is the Feast is
from "Behold, I Make
All Things New".*

***GATHERING HYMN This is the Feast**

This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry for our God.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Wor - thy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bles - sing, and glo - ry are his.

This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry for our God.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
 Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

ELW, Setting 10

Listen deeply as the gospel lesson is being read

***GOSPEL**

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

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *See insert*

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**
...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG**

Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean_ heart, O God._ and put a new and right
 6 _ spir - it with - in_ me. Cast me not a - way_ from your pres -
 11 ence. and do not take your ho - ly spir - it from me_
 17 Re - turn to me the joy_ of your sal - va - tion. Sus - tain a new and wil -
 22 ling spir - it with in_ me. Cre - ate in me a clean_ heart, O God._
 27 and put a new and right_ spir - it with in_ me.



"Behold, I Make All Things New"

COMMUNION

Come as you are. Become what you receive.

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.

Communion Hymns *See insert*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN *See insert*

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God!

*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; the grape juice is
clear. Please let an
usher know if you
would like communion
brought to your pew.*

ELW, Setting 10



*Turn to follow the
cross as it passes and
leads us to love and
service in the world.*

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.

About Our Liturgy

Parts of our sung liturgy come from "Behold, I Make All Things New," written by Ben Splichal Larson. Ben was killed in the Haiti Earthquake on January 12, 2010, when he was there with his wife, Renee, and his cousin, Jon. Ben sang the "Lamb of God," of setting 10 in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book, while buried in the rubble and then died. Originally, "Behold, I Make All Things New" was written to reach and inspire 18-35 year olds, an age demographic that is often least represented in weekly worship, but it has resonated deeply across all age groups. It was Ben's intention, and now his family's prayer, that the music he wrote to the ancient worship language of the church be a catalyst for renewal, hope, and faith for people and congregations. In the spirit of Ben, his family gives his liturgy to the Church with joy and prays it may bless all who sing it. Any donations made in support of this liturgy will be used to support new ELCA communities of faith. Learn more at www.benstillsings.com

Online Offering

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FIRST READING Genesis 21:8-21

⁸ The child [Isaac] grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.

¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Our first reading is from the book of Genesis.

Genesis, a word that literally means "beginnings," tells the stories of Israel's matriarchs and patriarchs. Abraham and Sarah loom large in those stories of beginnings. But make no mistake: Genesis does so in ways that do not shy away from harder truths. In our reading, two children playing together becomes the trigger for adult jealousy and fear. The story is by no means about fairness. It is about God's hearing the cry of a mother and son cast out, and acting on their behalf.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

¹ Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

² Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who trusts in you.

³ Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long.

⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.

⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, nor anything like your works.

⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name.

¹⁰ For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Psalms of lament are not always welcomed by us, whether in personal devotion or communal liturgy. It is not easy to admit, as the psalmist does here, of being "poor and needy." To bring up my "day of trouble" or "those who hate me" may sound more of complaint than prayer. But that is the point. Lament begins in complaint, whether of personal circumstances or widespread injustice. In doing so, lament risks honesty to God. Lament, and prayer, is not about making sure we are polite. Lament, and prayer, opens the whole of our lives including the rough spots to God.

SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

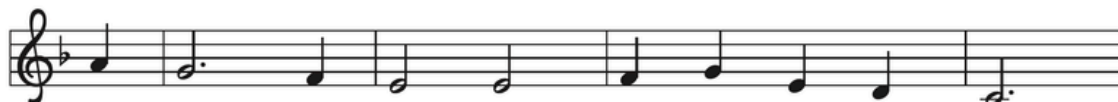
GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39

*HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #991 Go to the World!

Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Our second reading is from Paul's letter to the church at Rome.

Today's passage lands in the middle of a conversation. In chapter 5, Paul included in his contrast of Adam with Jesus the following. "Where sin increased, grace abounded."

Today's opening verse seeks to clarify a misunderstanding of those words. That is, we don't need to sin more in order to reveal grace more. The bulk of our reading uses baptismal imagery to show how freedom from sin and for new life is grounded in Jesus' life and death and raising.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #781 Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW #626 By Gracious Powers

SENDING HYMN ELW #766 Lord of Our Life*Lord of Our Life**

1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, star of our
 2 See round your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing, see how your
 3 Lord, you can help when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; Lord, you can
 4 Peace in our hearts, our trou - bled thoughts as - suag - ing, peace in your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: hear and re - ceive your
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing. Lord, while their poi - soned
 save when dead - ly sin as - sails us; and, in the day when
 church, where kin - dred souls are rag - ing, peace, when the world its



church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
 ar - rows they are hurl - ing, you can pre - serve us.
 hell it - self ap - palls us, grant us your peace, Lord:
 end - less war is wag - ing, peace in your heav - en.

Text: Matthäus A. von Löwenstern, 1594–1648; tr. Philip Pusey, 1799–1855, alt.
 Music: ISTE CONFESSOR, Poitiers *Antiphoner*, 1746

*Please turn to follow
 the cross as it passes
 and leads us to love
 and service in the
 world.*

PRELUDE *Gigue* by Joseph Bodin De Boismortier

Kent Pflibsen and Asher Havenhill

Prayer Requests: Alecia Chrin, Friends and Family of Schatzi Taylor; Justin Schneider; Amy; Gerry Meyer; Fred Alvord; Corky Ronstadt, Mary Neff; Geoff and Suzy Swann; Eric Howard's grandmother (began hospice), 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, 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 OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

The readings for the fourth Sunday in Pentecost mince no words about distressing times and costly discipleship. Yet all affirm reliance on God's steadfast love in such circumstances. Genesis tells the fraught story of a mother and son cast out by Abraham and Sarah into the wilderness. The lament of the psalmist in a desperate situation holds on to the hope that God will hear and help. Paul uses the imagery of baptism to speak of our dying to sin so that we may be raised in Christ. In Matthew, Jesus teaches the way of the cross that refuses to yield to fear.

Grand Canyon Synod has voted to call the new Director & Pastor for Lutheran Campus Ministry at UA - Pastor Jenn Luong

Pastor Jenn Luong (she/her), was born and raised in St. Paul, MN. She has been in Arizona since August 2024. She previously served at Lutheran Social Service of MN, Augsburg University, and several congregations in the Twin Cities. In her welcome note she shared that in ministry she is passionate about living out faith in our daily lives and offering a safe place where God's unconditional love and abundant grace is clear. Outside of ministry, she loves astronomy, muscle cars, college sports, and Elton John. She is a proud professional Auntie to her 'niblings' (nieces and nephews) and a doggy parent to her big goofy girl, Prin. Pastor Jenn began on June 15. Deacon Wendi Van Beek will also continue serving with Lutheran Campus Ministry.

THOSE SERVING TODAY 6/21/2026

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Assisting Minister** Nilu Dorschner
- Communion Assistants** Patty Sirls
- Acolyte** Mary Pflibsen
- Keyboard** Dawn Hartley
- Music** Kent Pflibsen, Asher Havenhill
- Cantor** Danny White
- Usher** Rachel Starner, Pam Hardman
- Greeter** Patty Sirls
- Cross Bearer** Mary Pflibsen
- Coffee Host** Sharon Reinbott
- Treats** Melissa Wyatt
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 6/28/26

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Assisting Minister** Jennifer Strand
- Communion Assistants** Bill De Vinney
- Acolyte** David Lester
- Keyboard** Dawn Hartley
- Music** Danny White
- Cantor** Danny White
- Usher** David Lester, Ann DeVinney
- Greeter** Bill DeVinney
- Cross Bearer** David Lester
- Coffee Host** Fred and Donna Hudson
- Treats** Forier/Wahl Family
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark