

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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 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.



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Newcomers and Visitors + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

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.

Current Liturgy Music + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Currently our liturgy music is from Now the Feast and Celebration by Marty Haugen.

Prayer Requests: Mary, Tracy & Marty, Gene, Addison and Nicole, and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Callie (granddaughter of Mary Lou Forier), Beverly (Mother of Hildi Williams), Gerri (Cousin of Patty Sirls); Pat (Friend of Our Saviour's); David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann, and Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sandy and Doug, Sally, Ashley, and Kamri (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Tom (brother-in-law of Ted Adams); Abel (great grandson of Laverne Walsh); Jeanne (friend of Schatzi Taylor); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak); John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Bert and Maria (Friends of Jon and Nilu Dorschner); Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Kristian and Melissa (Jon and Nilu Dorschner's son and daughter-in-law).

Names will remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for longer.

Listening Deeply to the Prophets

This summer we are following an alternative pattern for our readings in worship in order to listen and learn from prophetic teachers in our tradition. Each week we will hear from Luke's Gospel and then from one of the Hebrew Bible prophets - Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. Through faithful reading, preaching, and listening deeply to the prophets we pray that we will grow in understanding how we can convey God's hope and grace found in Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Overview of Today's Scripture

This week's readings in our series on the prophets testify that holy callings can stir both conflict and healing. Luke reports on one of many healings on the Sabbath by Jesus. Conflict results as legalism and liberation collide. Jeremiah describes his call from God to serve as a prophet. The terms of that call preview the collision of judgment and hope in the ministry of Jeremiah.

Celebrating 50 Years

We celebrate today with Judy and John Indermark, who celebrate 50 years of marriage today. They will affirm their vows during worship this morning. They are joined by their family and friends: Jeff and Randi Indermark (son and daughter-in-law); Lori Wilson and Michael Smith (Maid of Honor and spouse); Maury and Pat Cohen (Best Man and spouse). Celebrating anniversaries of relationships in worship is one way that we live out being Christ-centered community with one another. Congratulations Judy and John!

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

Welcome

Prelude *Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me*, arr. by John Behnke - Nancy Rude

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

In the name of the Sovereign, and of the ☩ Savior, and of the Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others;
we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace;
we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity;
we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's own through faith.
In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
you are free. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** ELW #859 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won-drous-ly reign - ing,
- 3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros-pers your work and de - fends you;
- 4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!



My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.



Mel - o - dy make;	dul - ci - mer, harp,	now a - wake.
Have you not seen?	All that is need - ful	has been
Pon - der a - new	what the Al - might - y	can do;
Let the a - men	sound from God's peo - ple	a - gain,



Sound forth your praise,	ev - 'ry na	- tion.
sent by God's gra - cious	or - dain	- ing.
in - fi - nite Love here	be - friends	you.
glad - ly for - ev - er	a - dor	- ing!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. composite

Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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***GREETING**

The grace of 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**

FIRST READING Luke 13:10-17

Our first reading is from Luke.

This is one of several stories where Jesus heals on the Sabbath. Most lead to conflict, as happens here. Disapproval of Sabbath healing is not the view of all Jews, then or now. New Testament scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine warns against such biased assumptions. In our passage, neither Judaism nor Sabbath keeping is the problem. The problem is religious legalism that forgets the purpose of covenant with God: to restore life, to do good.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water?" ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

Our sermon text is from the Old Testament book of the prophet Jeremiah.

This account of God's calling of Jeremiah begins the book bearing the prophet's name. Its structure follows other Old Testament call stories. The call is initiated by God, not the one chosen. The first response of the one called is resistance. Next comes a physical experience of call, similar to a rite of ordination. At the end comes the terms of call. Those terms here reveal that judgment and hope, conflict and courage, will stamp Jeremiah's ministry and life.

Hear God's call and commissioning of the prophet Jeremiah in chapter 1, starting at verse 4

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy,'
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

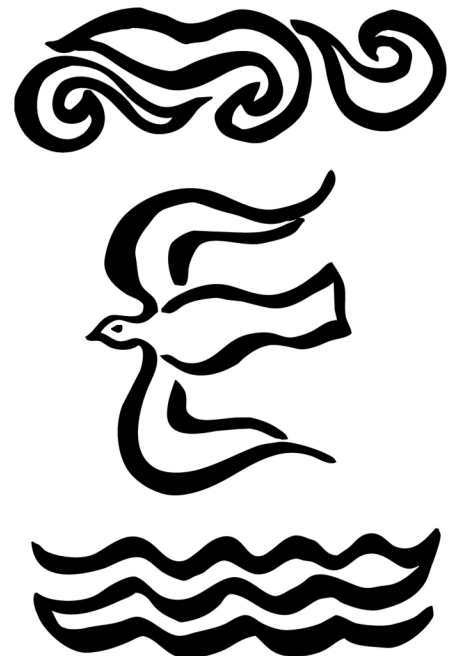
⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord."

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,
"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

SERMON

Silence for Reflection



***HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

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

...Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING *When You Say Nothing At All* by Paul Overstreet & Don Schlitz

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

***THE 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 the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise in all ways and all places...

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY HOLY HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

...Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator,
let us pray as Jesus did:

**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.**

COMMUNION

The Table is ready. Become what you receive.

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 MUSIC Lamb of God



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

God Bless to Us Our Bread (3 times)



Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan, y da pan a los que tien - en
God bless to . . us our . . bread, and give bread . . to all those who are

ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que tien - en
hun - gry, and hun - ger for jus - tice to those who are

pan. fed. Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan.
God bless to . . . us our . . . bread.

Text: Argentine traditional, collected by Federico Pagura, 1923–2016; tr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: BENDICE NUESTRO PAN, Argentine melody, collected by Federico Pagura; arr. John L. Bell

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ELW #796 How Firm a Foundation

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF VOWS

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN** ACS #1086 O God, Who Gives Us Life

O God, Who Gives Us Life



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de-spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

8/24/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Bill DeVinney
Communion Assistants Jennifer Strand
Acolyte Jennifer Strand
Keyboard Nancy Rude
Cantor Aysen Millioğulları
Usher Jeanne Gacke, Ann DeVinney
Greeter Patty Sirls
Cross Bearer Mary Pflibsen
Coffee Host David Lester
Treats Saphir/Adrian Family
and the Indermarks
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

8/31/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Preaching Minister John Indermark
Communion Assistants Patty Sirls
Acolyte David Lester
Keyboard Yi Yun Chin
Cantor Aysen Millioğulları
Usher Judy Indermark, David Lester
Greeter Diane Siefkes
Cross Bearer Bonnie Phelps
Coffee Host Ron and Nancy Rude
Treats Donna, Daphne, Pam
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

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9:00 - Sanctuary

Coffee following

10:30 Sunday Forum

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