

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship - Summer 2026



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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.

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

*CONFESSION 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.

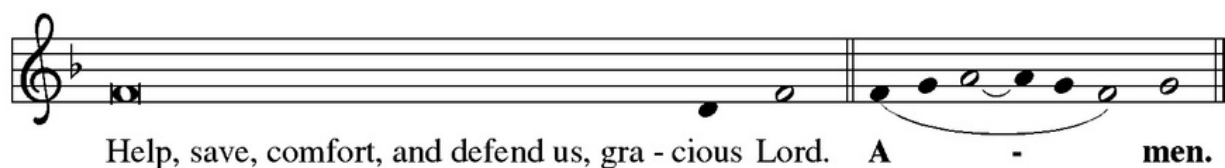
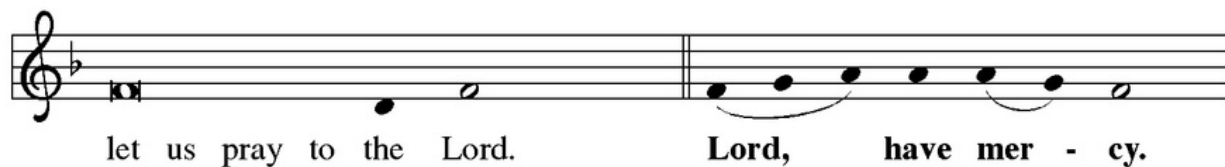
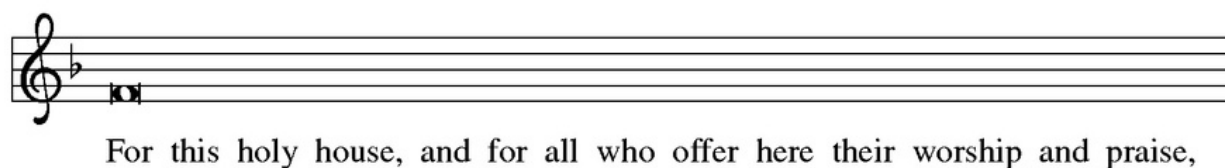
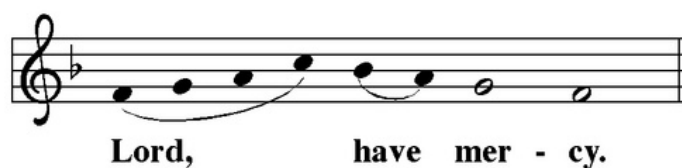
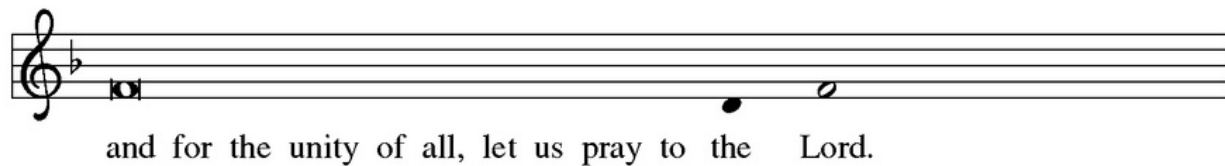
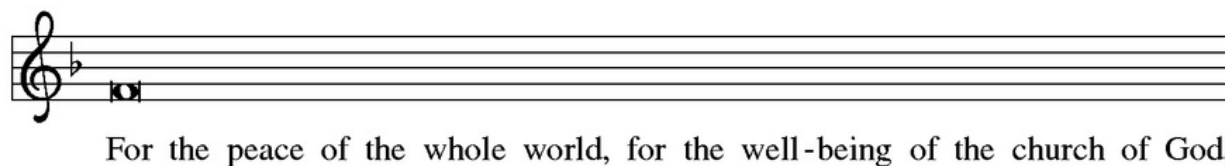
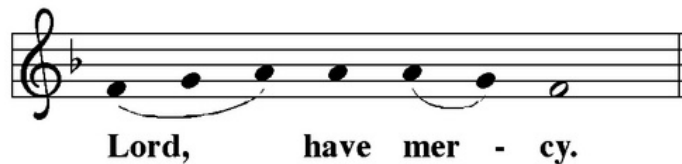
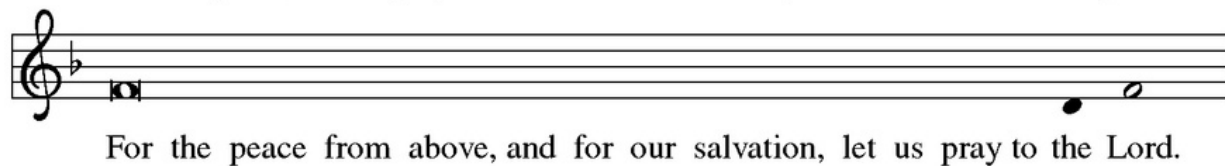
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should stand in body
and/or spirit.
Congregation's
speaking and singing
parts are in bold
font.*

*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.*

***KYRIE**



***GATHERING HYMN** ACS #1037 Christ Our Peace (3 x)

Christ, Our Peace

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ, Our Peace'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics 'Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;'. The second system has the lyrics 'Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.'.

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***GREETING**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING: *See insert*
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: *See insert*

SECOND READING: *See insert*
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

 WORD

The readings and psalm can be found in the yellow insert.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two systems of music, each with a single staff. The first system has the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second system has the lyrics 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.'.

ELW, Setting 3

*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

Stand and sing in English or Spanish as offering is brought forward.

*Listen deeply as the
gospel lesson is being
read*



God Bless to Us Our Bread (2 x)

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

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each line. The lyrics are in both English and Spanish, with the Spanish text in italics. The English text is in a standard serif font, and the Spanish text is in a smaller, italicized serif font.

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

In the night... 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,

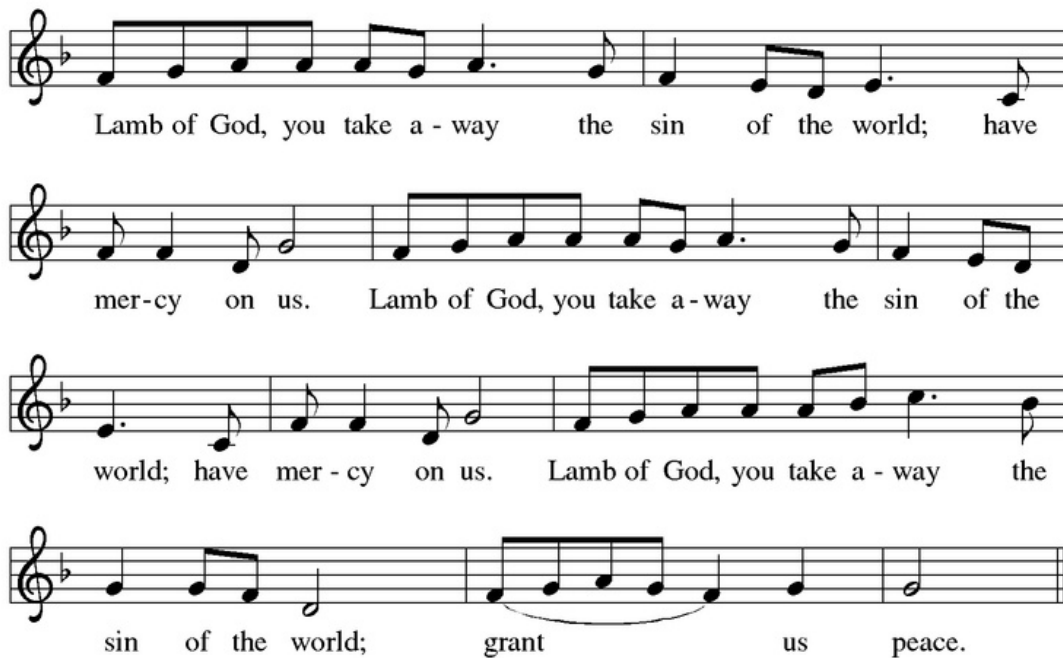
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMNS



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns *See insert*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN *See insert*

*DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

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.

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.



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

Deepen Your Faith This Fall

Chancel Choir - Thursdays, 6:30 PM, begins September 3

Everyone is welcome to join our choir. Experienced and new singers are invited to help us share music during worship. Chancel Choir rehearses weekly with Dr. Aysen Millioğulları and sings twice a month during worship. Talk to Aysen if you would like to learn more.

Bell Choir - Mondays at 6:30 PM, begins September 14

We welcome all who are interested in ringing or just curious to see what is involved. If you have any questions, ask any current bell ringer or contact Kathie (kmmiller@hotmail.com)

Come & See – Tuesdays at 11:00 AM, begins September 1

Weekly faith formation conversations for anyone, no preparation needed. We spend time reflecting on one of the upcoming readings for Sunday and with the "Hidden Gem" reflection prepared by John Indermark. The conversation is intended to deepen contemplative Scripture reading and prepare for Sunday worship. Held in the Patio Room. Bring your Bible or borrow a Lutheran Study Bible. Led by Pastor Amalia.

Sunday Forums, Sundays at 10:30 AM, begins Sept 13

Throughout the fall, we will hold a variety of learning opportunities on Sunday mornings following worship. Check the bulletin or Weekly eNews for upcoming forums.

Worship Ministers

Help prepare for and lead worship. Ushers, assisting ministers, altar care, A/V tech team – offer to do what you love or learn a new skill. Talk to Pastor Amalia or email oslc@lutherantucson.org

Public Faith Team

Hear the Gospel on Sunday, live it on Monday. Meet with others to engage in community advocacy in support of immigrants, people who are homeless, and others in need. Talk with Paula Miller (paula@lutherantucson.org)

Coffee Hosts

Do you come to church for the coffee? Help make it happen – hospitality-minded people needed to prepare coffee and serve treats (brought by others)

Other Weekly Events at Our Saviour's

Meditation Group, Mondays at 1:30 PM. Call Kevin 520-290-6949 for more information.

Men's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 7:00 AM, Activity Building

Spanish Class, Tuesdays, 6:30 PM – open to all levels, free

Community Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:30 AM, Activity Building

Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner & Worship, Wednesdays (UA, PCC, other young adults)



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.

Liturgy + Our sung liturgy is Setting 3 from Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Online Offering

We have partnered with the ELCA and Tithely to offer secure online giving. Scan the image below using your smart phone to make your offering. Or, contact the church office to set up regular online giving.



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Sunday Worship

9:00 - Sanctuary
Coffee following

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FIRST READING Genesis 32:22-31

²² [At night Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved."³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.
⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise
against them.
¹⁵ **But at my vindication I shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday August 2, 2026

Our first reading is from the book of Genesis.

Jacob begins a homeward journey to face the brother he took advantage of and the father he deceived. But before that can take place, Jacob wrestles with a stranger for an entire night. It is a strange scene that results in both wounding and blessing for Jacob. At daybreak, the stranger gives Jacob a new name. And it dawns on Jacob who this stranger was.

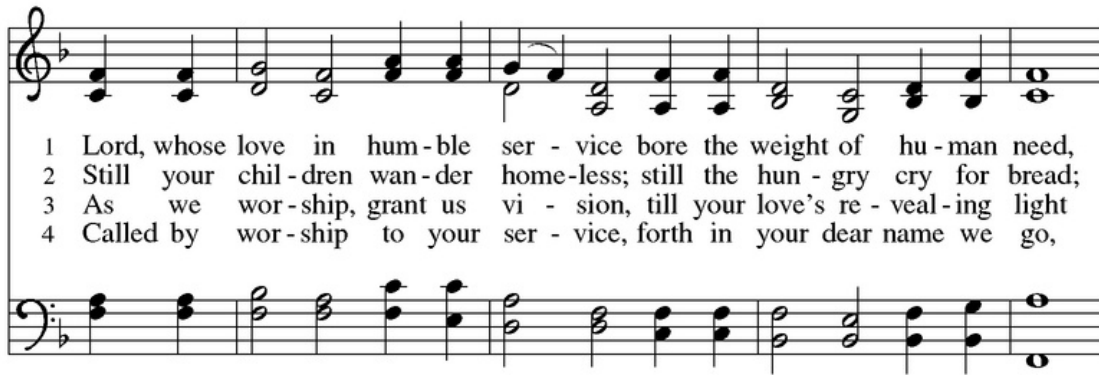
This psalm of lament calls on God for vindication, with the psalmist declaring freedom from any wickedness or guilt. To some ears, the pleas might seem prideful. But how else can innocent victims call out to God for help in the face of unnamed evil and violence? There is a raw trust here for God to do what is right when one is being wronged. In that trust comes hope.

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

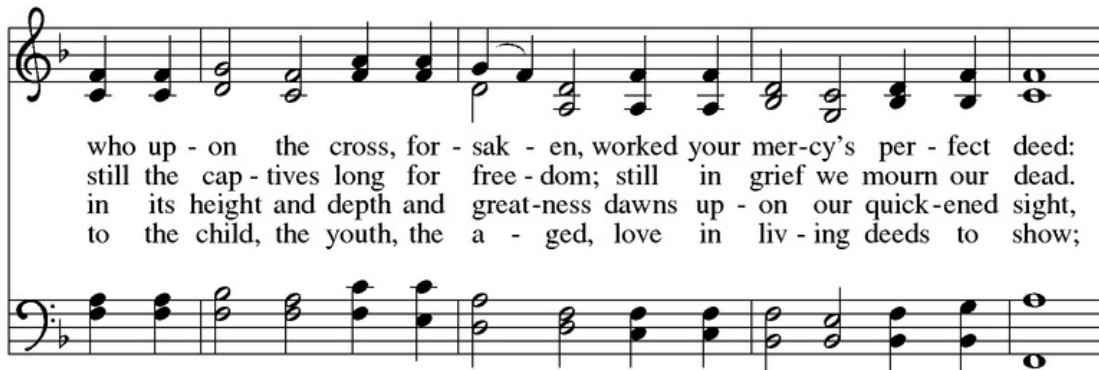
Today's verses begin three long chapters that delve into the relationship of Judaism and Christian community. The matter is personal for Paul. As Saul the Pharisee, he once persecuted Jews who followed Jesus. As Paul the apostle, he now follows Jesus. His ongoing ties to both communities are evident in Paul's anguished words here.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #712 Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

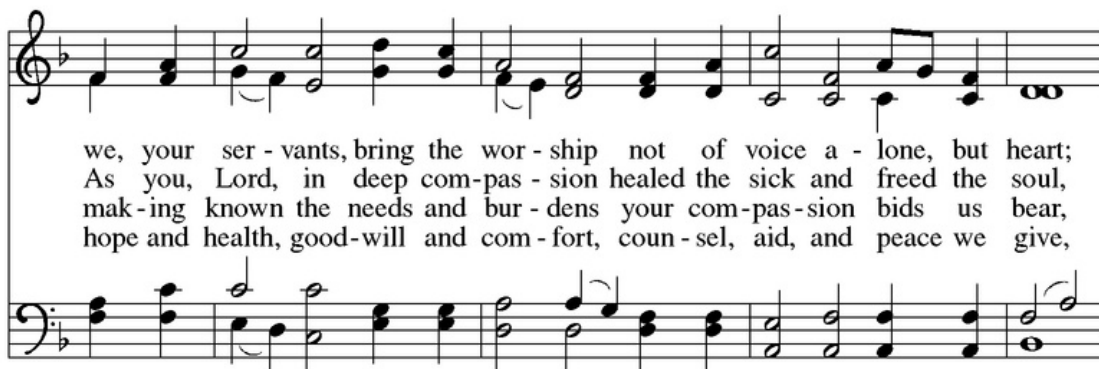
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



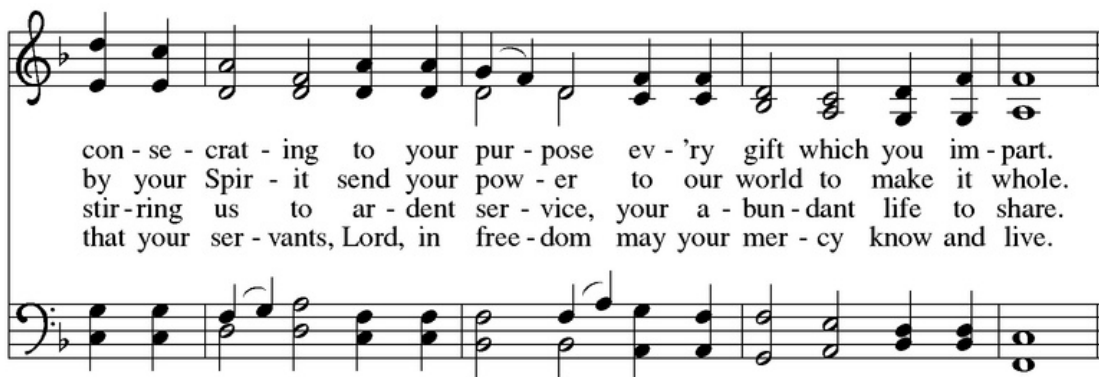
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed;
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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OFFERING *The Picture Book* Danny White

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart - hymnal

ELW #535 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises - hymnal

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

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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PRELUDE *Toccata on O Worship the King* arr. by Craig A. Penfield

Prayer Requests: Alecia Chrin, Justin Schneider; Gerry Meyer; Corky Ronstadt, Mary Neff; Amy, 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); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Jennifer, 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 OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

The readings for the tenth Sunday in Pentecost offer scenes and prayers where faith strives for a way forward in challenging situations. Jacob wrestles with a stranger. Jacob emerges both wounded and blessed. Facing threats from unnamed enemies, the psalmist declares his innocence while crying out for God's vindication. Saul now Paul begins a deep dive into God's ongoing covenant with Israel in light of Christ's coming. Jesus seeks solitude when he hears his cousin John has been executed. Even in grief, ministry and mission continue. Disciples must respond.

Save the Date - Special Congregational Meeting - Sunday, August 9, 2026 Immediately Following Worship

To make the most expansive vision for property stewardship possible, the Council is calling a Special Meeting on August 9 to consider purchasing the home at 1934 E. Mabel Street. This requires a majority vote of voting members present. A quorum (10% of voting members) is required for action.

THOSE SERVING TODAY 8/2/2026

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Nilu Dorschner
Communion Assistants Olga Ryan
Acolyte Olga Ryan
Keyboard Nancy Rude
Cantor Danny White
Usher Eric Howard, Pam Hardman
Greeter Gloria Schmidt
Cross Bearer Olga Ryan
Coffee Host Joanna Keyl
Treats Mary Havenhill
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 8/9/26

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Jennifer Strand
Communion Assistants Kathy DeVinney
Acolyte Kathy DeVinney
Keyboard Dawn Hartley
Cantor Joy Bulawa
Usher Asher and Mary Havenhill
Greeter Kathy DeVinney
Cross Bearer Asher Havenhill
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