

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship - Summer 2026



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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 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

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.

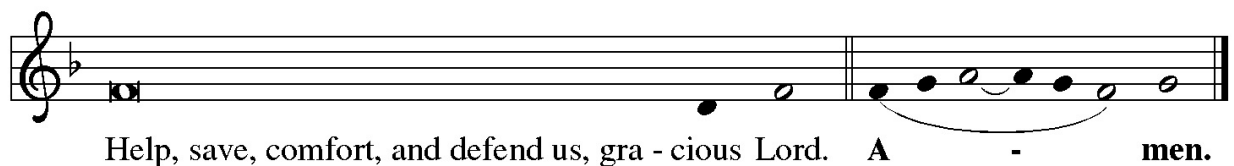
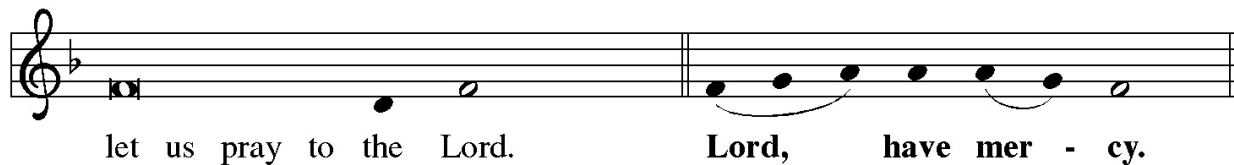
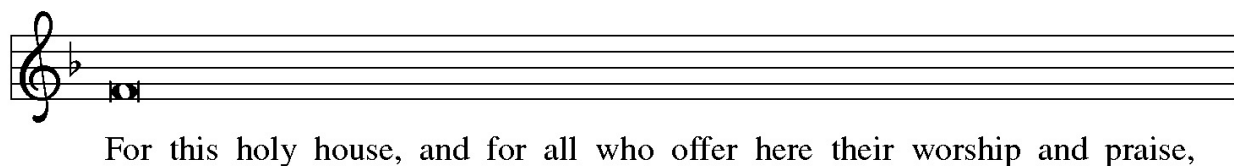
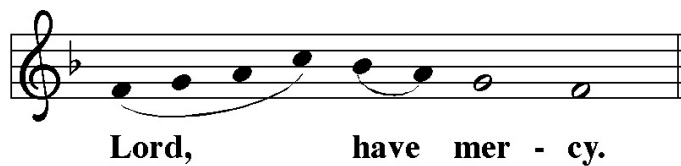
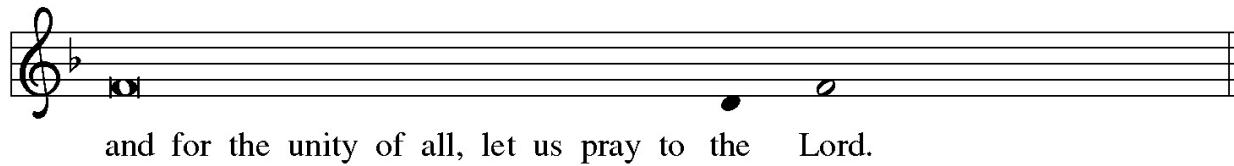
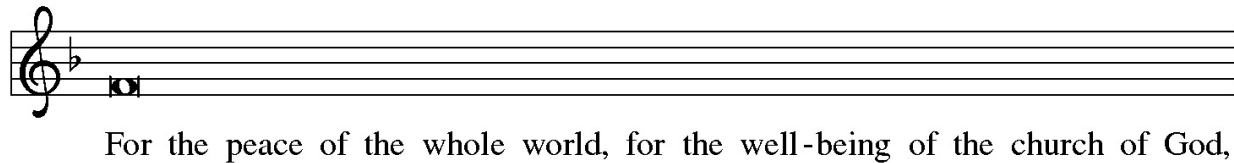
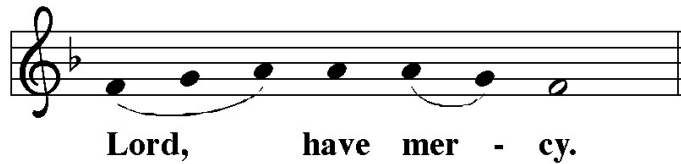
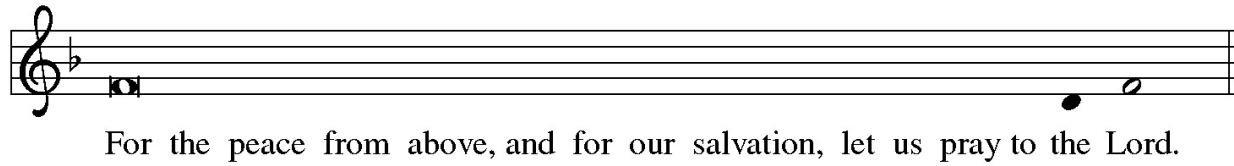
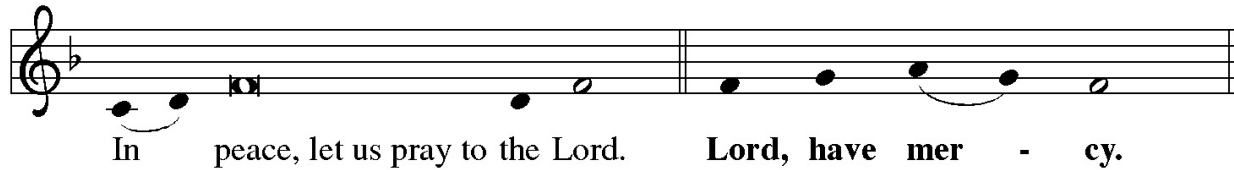
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should stand in body
and/or spirit.
Congregation's
speaking and singing
parts are in bold
font.*

*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



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 system has a treble and bass staff. The first system's lyrics are 'Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;'. The second system's lyrics are 'Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.'.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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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 on a single treble staff. The first system's lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second system's lyrics are '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.

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.

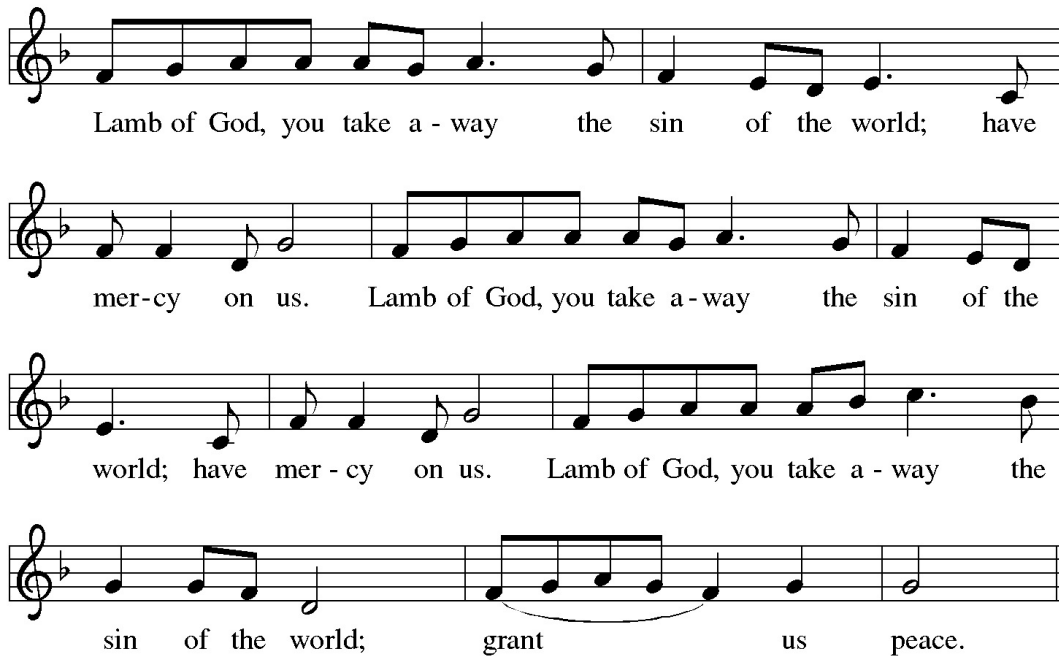
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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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8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.
² **Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**
³ Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
⁴ **Search for the strength of the Lord;
continually seek God's face.**
⁵ Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,
⁶ **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**
²³ Israel came into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
²⁴ **The Lord made the people of Israel very fruitful,
more numerous than their enemies,**
²⁵ whose hearts God turned, so that they hated God's people,
and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.
²⁶ **O Lord, you sent Moses your servant,
and Aaron, your chosen one.** ^{45b} **Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.
¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28

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

Our first reading is from the book of Exodus.

Moses, once a child hidden in a basket to escape Pharaoh's murderous policy, is now a shepherd in Midian (Saudi Arabia). Moses had fled Egypt after killing an Egyptian for beating a Hebrew slave. Our reading hinges on two key details. God's voice speaks to Moses from a burning bush. As in the spiritual, Moses is told to go down to Egypt and tell old Pharaoh: let my people go. Second, when Moses balks and demands God's name, the name given reveals a Holy mystery.

Psalm 105 sings of God's storied actions on Israel's behalf. An opening litany of general praise is followed by God's activity on behalf of the patriarchs, then Joseph, and finally deliverance from Egypt and entrance into Canaan. Our reading excerpts the portion related to Egypt and Moses.

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

To do lists can be helpful. They can organize busy schedules, so that one or more things do not get forgotten in the buzz of busyness. They can keep priorities straight, as in "first things first." Paul's words here may be taken as a "to do" list for Christian community. As for their priorities, consider the first and last entries on the list. "Let love be genuine . . . Overcome evil with good."

***HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #798 Will You Come and Follow Me**

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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OFFERING Chorale on "All Glory Be to God on High" F.W. Zachau

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW #790 Day By Day

***SENDING HYMN ELW #548 Rise O Church, like Christ Arisen**

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

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



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



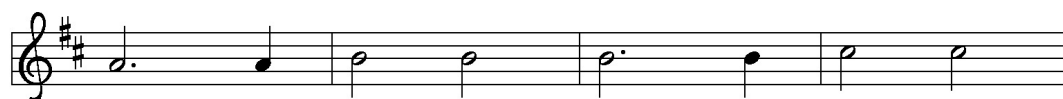
from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
Spir - it - ed then let us live.
from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958
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PRELUDE *Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major* J.S. Bach

Prayer Requests: Alecia Chrin; Justin Schneider; Gerry Meyer; Corky Ronstadt; Mary Neff; Lydia Slipp; the Hughes Family; and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Community: 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, 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); Mary Etta (friend of Suzanne Hesh); Rita (friend of John and Judy Indermark)

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 fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost reveal God and Jesus in startling ways. In doing so, those same readings reveal what following such a God and Messiah seeks of us. In Exodus, we encounter the call of Moses and the Mystery of who God is. The psalm sings of the ways and ones through whom God works for the called community. Paul offers a checklist of callings and priorities for Christian living and community. And we hear for the first time in Matthew the word of Jesus' Passion and Cross, and with it the call to cruciform discipleship.

Sunday Forum - Today

We will offer another chance to see (or see again) the Oscar-nominated film about a Lutheran church wrestling with race relations during the height of the civil rights movement. The film debuted 60 years ago this year and continues to provoke good discussion and learning. Led by our Reconciling in Christ Team.

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY 8/30/26

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Mary Lou Forier
Communion Assistants	Kathy DeVinnery, John Indermark, Sharon Reinbott
Acolyte	Mary Lou Forier
Keyboard	Nancy Rude
Cantor	Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
Usher	Patty Sirls, Jennifer Strand
Greeter	Kathy DeVinney
Cross Bearer	Mary Lou Forier
Coffee Host	Sharon Reinbott
Treats	Mary Havenhill
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 9/6/26

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	John Indermark
Communion Assistants	Deacon Wendi Van Beek, Sharon Reinbott
Acolyte	Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
Usher	Judy Indermark, Jeanne Gacke
Greeter	Gloria Schmidt
Cross Bearer	Sharon Reinbott
Coffee Host	Melissa Wyatt
Treats	Mary Pflibsen
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