# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church **Sunday Worship**

June 29, 2025 Third Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM



## 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 congre-



gation 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.

Prayer Requests: Mary, Tracy & Marty, Gene, Addison and Nicole, and those at home and in care facilities. Our Extended Friends & Family: David - son of Geoff and Suzy former Our Saviour's members; Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, and Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally (friend of Kathy DeVinney); Tom (brother-in-law of Ted Adams); Abel (great grandson of Laverne Walsh); Maureen (mother of Adam Delaossa); 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; Libby (friend of Theda Doak); Ashley (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Bert and Maria (Friends of Jon and Nilu Dorschner); 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.

**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.

**Listening Deeply to the Prophets** 

This summer we will follow 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. Theologian Rolf Svanoe writes that Jesus learned by "listening deeply to the prophets" in his book/ Love To Preach the Story: A Summer of Prophet Sharing, Year C. This book, as well as other resources for preaching and teach- ing about the prophets, and their own words will guide our path through the summer. We will use storytelling and reader's theater to help connect us more closely with the passion and faithfulness of the prophets. 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.

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ELW is Evangelical Lutheran Worship, our red hymn book located in the pew rack in front of you. The songs are in the back half of the book, with the song number at the top of the page.

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

#### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** The Old Country Church by Hank Williams, Crying Holy Unto the Lord by Bill Monroe and I'm Using My Bible for a Roadmap by Don Reno and Charles Schroeder - Southern Comfort Band

#### \*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 children 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 #774 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

#### \*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

#### \*GOSPEL

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

#### Luke 9:51-62

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ **Praise to you, O Christ**.

Reading 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup> He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

<sup>13</sup> He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **SERMON**

Silence for Reflection

\*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee (next page)

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

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

...We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.** 

## \*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING It's Me Again Lord, by Dottie Rambo - Southern Comfort Band

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. 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.

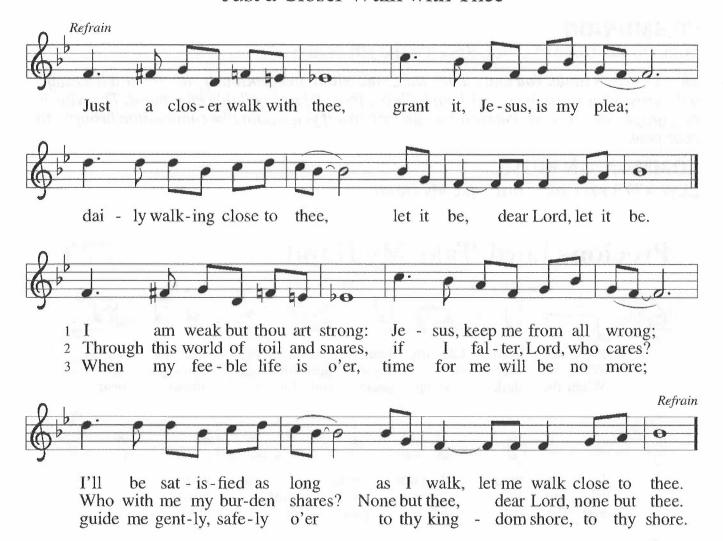
Amen.

#### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord 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...

## Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

...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**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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**

ELW #773 Precious Lord Take My Hand



Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993 Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey Text and music & 1938, 1966 Unichappell Music Inc., admin. Hal Leonard Corp. PRECIOUS LORD Irregular

#### The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

#### Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.

#### Refrain

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

# POST-COMMUNION BLESSING SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BLESSING

\*SENDING HYMN ELW # 677 This Little Light of Mine (next page)

## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

\*POSTLUDE Swing Low Sweet Chariot - Southern Comfort Band

## This Little Light of Mine



Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

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#### **UPCOMING**

**Pray without Ceasing** - on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, Our Saviour's hosts a community prayer group in our Chapel at 5:30. Open to anyone, this thirty minute service is a time of song, silence, and a chance to share prayers of lament and prayers for hope. **July 7 and July 21.** 

**Last Supper Club** - on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM we will do a trial run of an alternative worship service that is centered especially on young adults and those who may not feel comfortable in traditional church spaces. The service will include a full meal, communion. Everyone is welcome. Our plan is to hold this service on "5th Sundays" - June 29, August 31, November 30 to gauge the interest and fit for our community. Please talk with Pastor Amalia if you are interested in helping with the service.

## **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

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