

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

August 31, 2025

Twelfth 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, Nicole and Paige and Michael, and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison) 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.

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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, the final ones in our series on the prophets, affirm God's call to discern and speak truth about our lives and the times in which we live. In Luke, the tone of Jesus shifts from a rabbi who teaches to a prophet who confronts. At stake is our understanding and living in the present moment with its challenges. In Isaiah, the task of speaking truth comes in the form of a parable. The story conveys God's lament when justice and righteousness are forsaken and lost.

Welcome Back LCM Students

We welcome our students from the University of Arizona and Pima Community College, beginning, or returning to school these past weeks. We are grateful to have them with us at Lutheran Campus Ministry so that they may continue to grow in faith as they grow into the future God has for them. We gather for dinner and worship at the Lutheran Campus Ministry house on Wednesday evenings during the academic year, and appreciate your prayers for the LCM University of Arizona students, and all LCM students nationwide.

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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 *Variations on a Well-Known Hymn* a setting by B. Dunlap

***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 #788 If God My Lord Be for Me

If God My Lord Be for Me



1 If God my Lord be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my sun, my light, a - lone;
4 For joy my heart is ring - ing; all sor - row dis - ap - pears;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, the true, e - ter - nal good.
were he not my de - fend - er be - fore the judg - ment throne,
and full of mirth and sing - ing, it wipes a - way all tears.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
With - out him all that pleas - es will vain and emp - ty prove.
I nev - er should find fa - vor and mer - cy in God's sight,
The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my king;



what foe or what di - sas - ter can drive me from his love?
The gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone are worth my love.
but be de - stroyed for - ev - er as dark - ness by the light.
the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, adapt.
Music: IST GOTT FÜR MICH, English melody, 16th cent.

***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 12:49-56

Our first reading is from Luke.

You might think these words of Jesus sound more at home in the book of Revelation. Their imagery of fire and stark divisions may seem out of character with our usual take on the message and person of Jesus. But this story, as those that come right before and after it, are gospel, too. They all speak to the urgency of faith and vigilance in the times set before us.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Isaiah 5:1-7

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

Our sermon text is from the book of the prophet Isaiah. It is also one of the Old Testament's few parables. The prophet Nathan once told a parable to David. Its heartbreaking story led the king to unknowingly indict his own abuse of power. Isaiah begins his parable by saying it will be a "love song." Isaiah's "beloved" is God, and the "vineyard" is Israel. But Isaiah's parable, like Nathan's, leads to an indictment of Israel's breaking covenant with God. And the love song becomes God's fierce lament of what has been lost.

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes . . .

but it yielded rotten grapes.

I will sing for my beloved:

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

I will sing concerning his vineyard:

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a wasteland;

it shall not be pruned or hoed,

it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

I will sing:

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,

The people of Judah are God's cherished garden;

God expected justice but saw bloodshed;

God expected righteousness but heard a cry!

I will . . .

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #580 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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 *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, by John Carter

*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.

ELW #815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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ELW #517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN**

ACS #1084 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Turn to follow the cross as it passes.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

8/31/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Preaching Minister	John Indermark
Communion Assistant	Mary Pflibsen, Patty Sirls
Acolyte	David Lester
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Aysen Millioğulları
Usher	Judy Indermark, David Lester
Greeter	Diane Siefkes
Cross Bearer	Bonnie Phelps
Coffee Host	David Lester
Treats	Donna, Daphne, Pam
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

9/7/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Mary Lou Forier
Communion Assistant	Mary Pflibsen, Lauretta Olson
Acolyte	Mary Pflibsen
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Aysen Millioğulları
Usher	Diane Siefkes, Kathy DeVinney
Greeter	Gloria Schmidt
Cross Bearer	Mary Pflibsen
Coffee Host	David Lester
Treats	Gloria Schmidt
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9:00 - Sanctuary

Coffee following

10:30 Sunday Forum

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Monday - Thursday

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

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