

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.

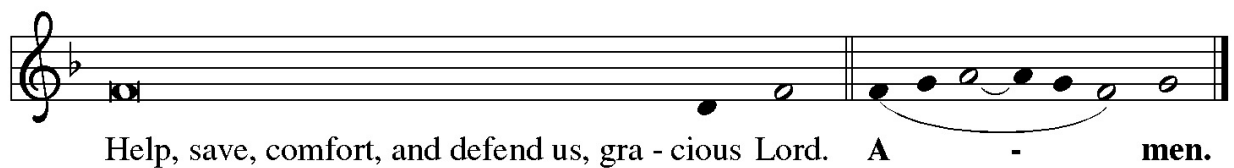
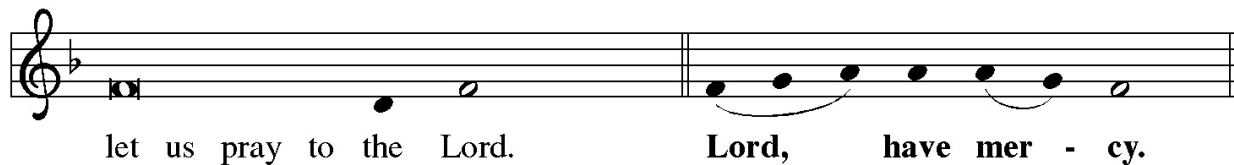
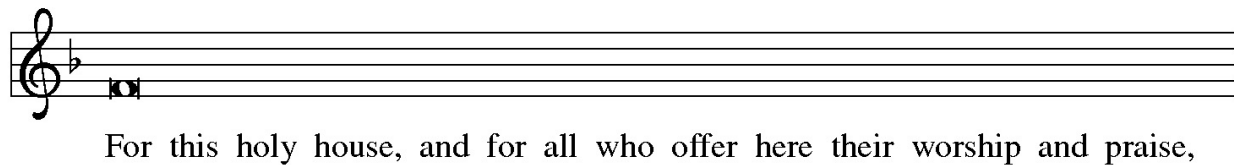
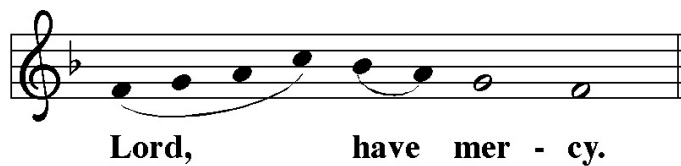
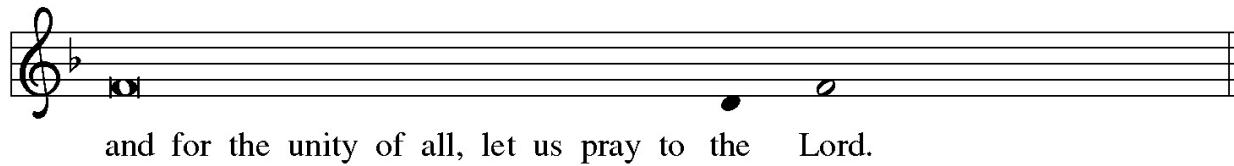
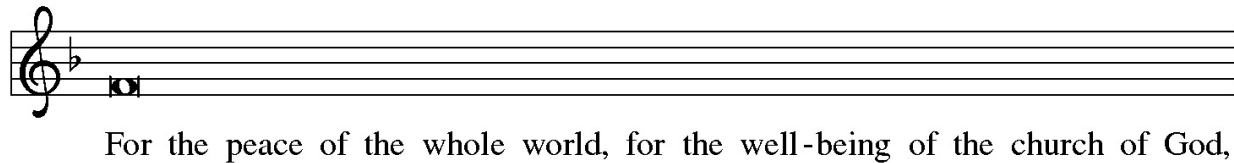
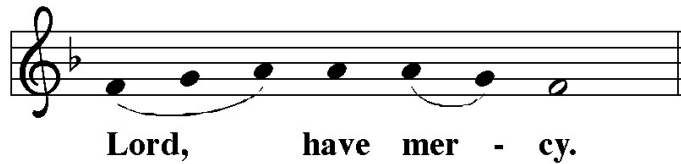
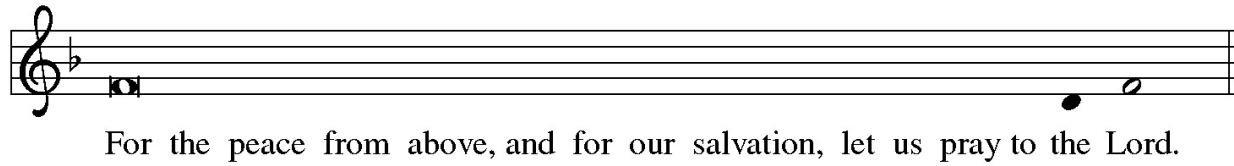
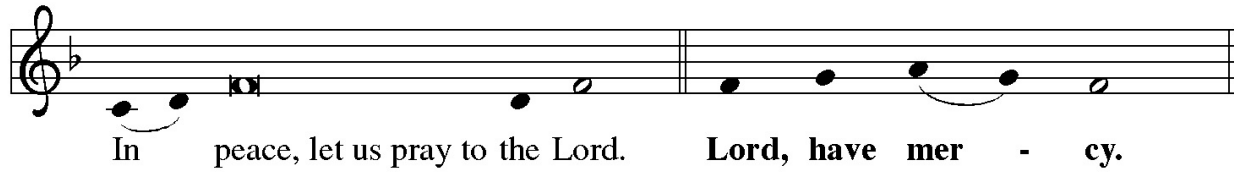
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the congregation
should stand in body
and/or spirit.
Congregation's
speaking and singing
parts are in bold
font.*

*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.'.

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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.

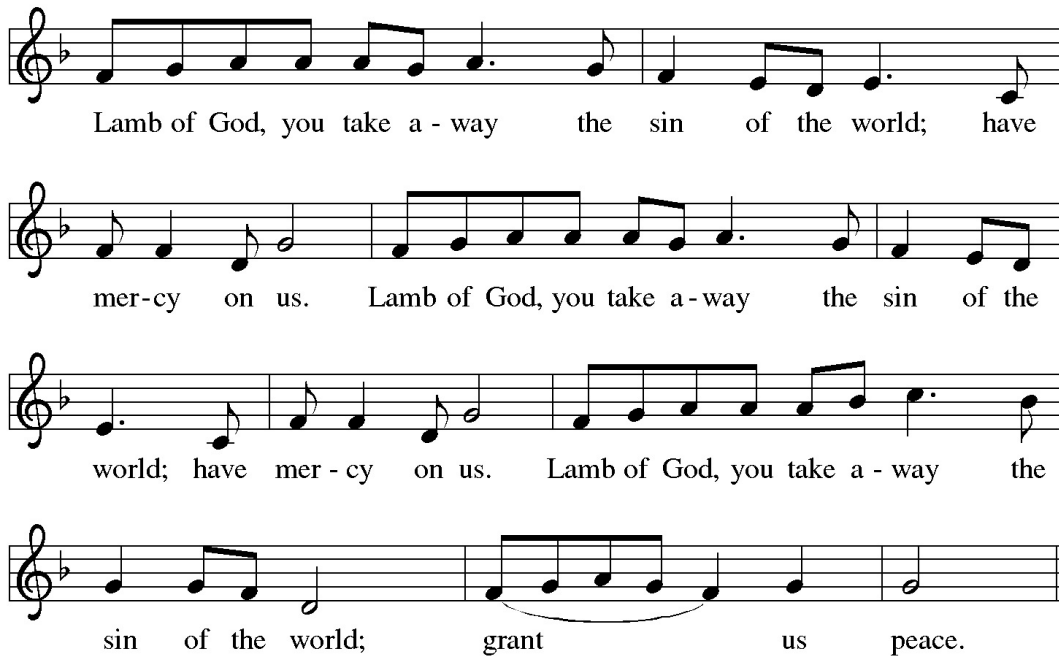
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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 1:8 - 2:10

PSALM 124

¹ If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
² **if the Lord had not been on our side,**
when enemies rose up against us,
³ then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;
⁴ **then would the waters have overwhelmed us**
and the torrent gone over us;
⁵ then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.
⁶ **Blessed be the Lord**
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
⁸ **Our help is in the name of the Lord,**
the maker of heaven and earth.

*Our first reading is
from the book of
Exodus.*

*As Genesis ended, the
position of Joseph
assured the safety
and prosperity of
Israel's families in
Egypt. But the new
leader of Egypt never
knew Joseph. Without
such storied
remembrance,
amnesia unleashes
oppression. A people
once honored are
enslaved. Who will
save them? Two
midwives do what
they can. By our
reading's end, hope
emerges in infancy
from the waters.*

SECOND READING Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to
present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is
your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be
transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the
will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.
³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of
yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober
judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For
as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same
function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we
are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace
given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the
teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in
sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

*This passage offers
two very distinctive
messages. The first
part of Paul's message
focuses on the call to
have our lives
transformed by God's
purposes. In contrast,
conformity to this age,
one might say "going
along to get along," is
to be discarded. In the
second half of this
passage, Paul turns to
the message of the
Church as One Body of
Christ. In particular,
Paul underscores how
its unity takes form in
the diversity of
members and gifts
God provides.*

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

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

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

The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

OFFERING *Take My Life, That I May Be* arr. by Hiram Titus

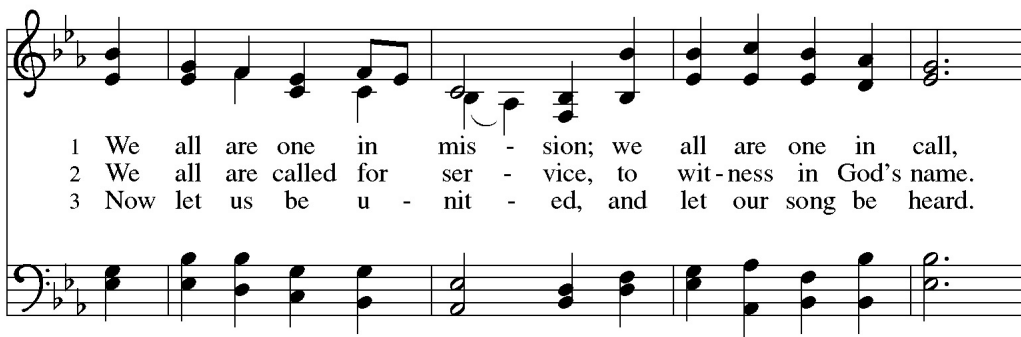
COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #496 One Bread, One Body

ELW #583 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

*SENDING HYMN ELW #576 We All Are One in Mission

We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version

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

PRELUDE *Like a River Glorious*, arr. by Anna Laura Page

BEING BAPTIZED TODAY

Bastian Dahlen Burdges, child of Kyle and Katie Burdges; brother of Beau;
grandchild of Andrea & Larry Kent.

Sponsors: Alison Olcott and Todd Bartfalvi

Prayer Requests: Family and friends of Gerald Kleinfeld; Bill DeVinney; 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 thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost witness to God's transforming grace at work, even in words and ones hidden for the moment. Exodus opens with the courage of two midwives and a child drawn out of the water. The psalm begins with a "call and response" that summons praise for God's life-saving help. Paul writes of the diversity of gifts that God blends to make the Church One Body in Christ. In Matthew, Jesus asks the disciples a question about his identity. Curiously, when an answer is given, Jesus orders them not to tell anyone.

Sunday Forum - Sunday, August 30

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 NEXT SUNDAY 8/23/26

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Olga Ryan
Communion Assistants	Patty Sirls
Acolyte	Asher Havenhill
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Nilu Dorschner
Usher	Anne and Bill DeVinney
Greeter	Joanna Keyl
Cross Bearer	Asher Havenhill
Coffee Host	Eric Howard
Treats	Adrian/Saphir Family
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 8/30/26

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Mar 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
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HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday August 23, 2026

Family, Sponsor, and child gather around the font.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love... and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsor: I present Bastian Dahlen Burdges for baptism.

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have **Bastian Dahlen** baptized in Christ?

Parents: **We do.**

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with Bastian among God's faithful people,
bring Bastian to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach Bastian the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in Bastian's hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture Bastian in faith and prayer,
so that Bastian may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Bastian grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: **We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Bastian, praying for Bastian's new life in Christ?

Congregation: **We do.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: **We renounce them.**

Do you believe and confess the basic creed of our faith?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Blessed are you, holy God...you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized...

The world will call you many things. The world will try to rename you. Today, we echo the voice of the Triune God. Today, we call you Beloved Child. When we see you begin to wonder if this new name is really yours, we promise to remind you: you are indeed a child of God.