

# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

## Sunday Worship - June 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

### \*CONFESSIONS 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.**

***An asterisk indicates  
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.*

*This is the Feast is  
from "Behold, I Make  
All Things New".*

**\*GATHERING HYMN This is the Feast**

This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry for our God.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Wor-thy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow-er, rich-es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bles - sing, and glo - ry are his.

This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry for our God.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.  
 Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

ELW, Setting 10

*Listen deeply as the gospel lesson is being read*

**\*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**

**Create in Me**

Cre - ate in me a clean\_ heart, O God.\_ and put a new and right  
 6 \_ spir - it with - in\_ me. Cast me not a - way\_ from your pres -  
 11 ence. and do not take your ho - ly spir - it from\_ me\_  
 17 Re - turn to me the joy\_ of your sal - va - tion. Sus - tain a new and wil -  
 22 ling spir - it with in\_ me. Cre - ate in me a clean\_ heart, O God.\_  
 27 and put a new and right\_ spir - it with in\_ me.



*"Behold, I Make All Things New"*



## COMMUNION

Come as you are. Become what you receive.

### COMMUNION HYMNS



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns *See insert*

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

#### SENDING PRAYER

#### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BLESSING

\*SENDING HYMN *See insert*

#### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to 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.*

*ELW, Setting 10*



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

**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.

### About Our Liturgy

Parts of our sung liturgy come from "Behold, I Make All Things New," written by Ben Splichal Larson. Ben was killed in the Haiti Earthquake on January 12, 2010, when he was there with his wife, Renee, and his cousin, Jon. Ben sang the "Lamb of God," of setting 10 in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book, while buried in the rubble and then died. Originally, "Behold, I Make All Things New" was written to reach and inspire 18-35 year olds, an age demographic that is often least represented in weekly worship, but it has resonated deeply across all age groups. It was Ben's intention, and now his family's prayer, that the music he wrote to the ancient worship language of the church be a catalyst for renewal, hope, and faith for people and congregations. In the spirit of Ben, his family gives his liturgy to the Church with joy and prays it may bless all who sing it. Any donations made in support of this liturgy will be used to support new ELCA communities of faith. Learn more at [www.benstillsings.com](http://www.benstillsings.com)

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9:00 - Sanctuary  
Coffee following

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**FIRST READING** Genesis 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup> God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together. <sup>9</sup> When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."<sup>12</sup> [The angel] said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."<sup>13</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

**Psalm 13**

<sup>1</sup> How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

**<sup>2</sup> How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

<sup>3</sup> Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

**<sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, "I have defeated you,"  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

<sup>5</sup> But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

**<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord,  
who has dealt <sup>1</sup> with me richly.**

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

*There are occasional Biblical stories that are, to be generous about it, baffling. A flood that destroys all living things, human and animal, except those in Noah's ark. The conquering of Canaan by the tribes of Israel that not only dispossessed the locals of their land, but put to the sword everyone in some towns. This morning's reading brings a challenge and test all its own. It begins in an ominous command God gives to Abraham. A sacrifice is to be made. The story's poignancy and tension sound in Isaac's innocent question: "where is the lamb for the sacrifice?"*

*In six brief verses, the psalmist engages in an extraordinary exchange with God. In doing so, the psalm becomes a model of faithful lament. In the first two verses, the psalmist confronts God with the question of "how long," not once but four times. These repeated cries in the midst of distress are raw and honest. In the middle two verses, the psalmist appeals to God for action. For if none comes, the consequences will be dire. The final two verses offer gratitude for a saving intervention that followed.*

**SECOND READING** Romans 6:12-23

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 10:40-42

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** ACS #969 Welcome Table

Welcome Table

1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,  
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm goin' - a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953  
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*Our second reading is from Paul's letter to the church at Rome.*

*To this point in Romans, Paul focused on the gospel of justification. We are given right standing with God by grace through faith, not by law or works. In our reading, Paul takes up the theme of sanctification. How do we live as those so justified? Paul's words indicate that some in the church saw freedom from the law as a sort of license to sin. Paul reminds us, however, the path to righteousness still involves obedience. Choices must be made about what (and whose) path we will follow. Or, in the refrain of a 1970's gospel song: you're gonna have to serve somebody.*

*Hear these words from Romans, chapter six, beginning with verse 12.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

ELW #592 Just as I am Without One Plea

ELW #649 Behold How Pleasant

**\*SENDING HYMN ACS # 1062 Build a Longer Table****Build a Longer Table**

1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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

**PRELUDE *Awaken the Dawn* by Stuart Garrard, arr. Larry Shackley**

**Prayer Requests:** Alecia Chrin, Friends and Family of Schatzi Taylor; Justin Schneider; Gerry Meyer; Fred Alvord; Corky Ronstadt, Mary Neff; Geoff and Suzy Swann; Eric Howard; 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); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally, 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).

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*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:

he readings for the fifth Sunday in Pentecost mix stories of callings from (and to) God that range from simple to vexing. God's testing of Abraham in his near-sacrifice of Isaac defies easy explanation. The psalmist's cry of "will you forget me?" could have been the cry of Isaac in the Genesis reading. Paul clarifies that freedom in grace from the law is not a license to sin. The wages of sin remain deadly. In Matthew, Jesus offers words on mission that focus on hospitality, especially to "little ones."

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### THOSE SERVING TODAY 6/28/2026

**Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts  
**Assisting Minister** Sharon Reinbott  
**Communion Assistants** Bill DeVinney  
**Acolyte** David Lester  
**Keyboard** Dawn Hartley  
**Music** Danny White  
**Cantor** Danny White  
**Usher** David Lester, Ann DeVinney  
**Greeter** Bill DeVinney  
**Cross Bearer** David Lester  
**Coffee Host** Fred and Donna Hudson  
**Treats** Forier/Wahl Family  
**Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante  
**Scripture Background** John Indermark

### THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 7/05/26

**Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts  
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**Cantor** Aysen Millioğullari  
**Usher** Eric Howard, Kathy DeVinney  
**Greeter** Gloria Schmidt  
**Cross Bearer** Jennifer Strand  
**Coffee Host** Sharon Reinbott  
**Treats** Mary Havenhill  
**Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante  
**Scripture Background** John Indermark