

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship - Summer 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.

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.



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.

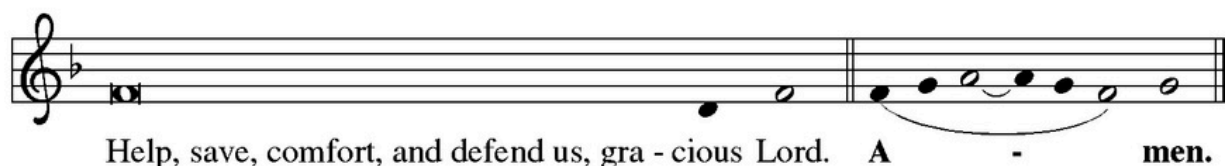
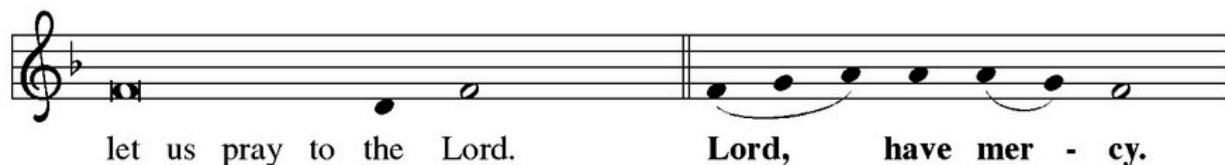
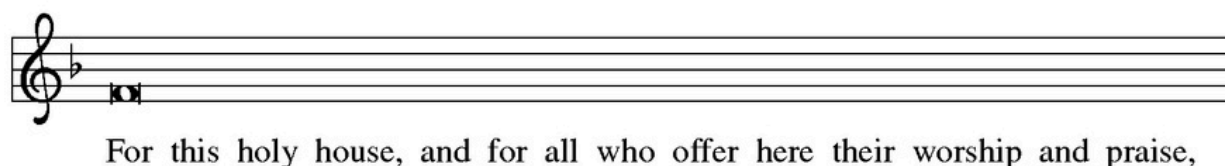
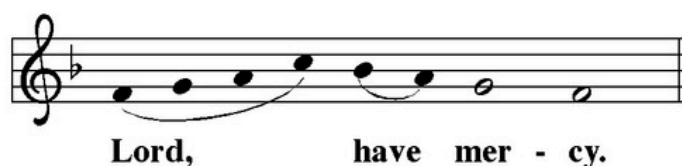
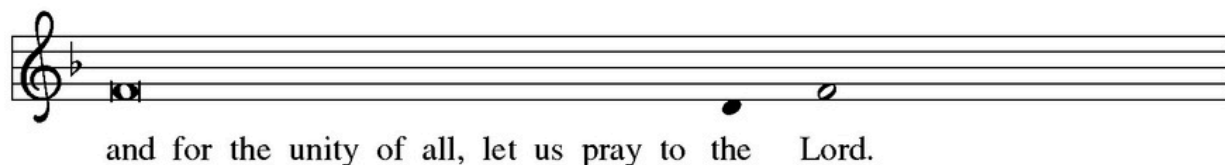
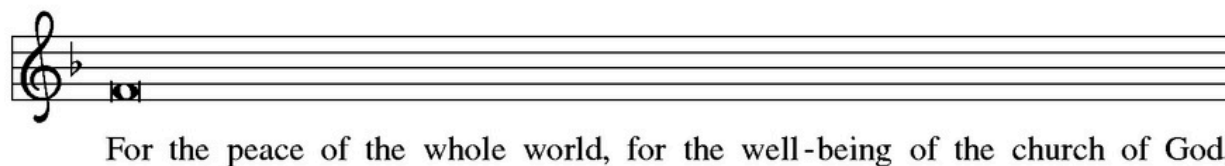
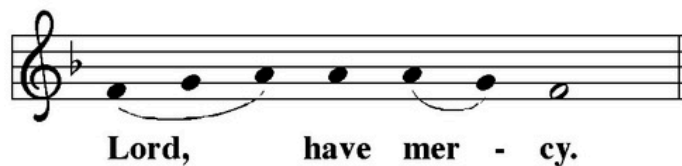
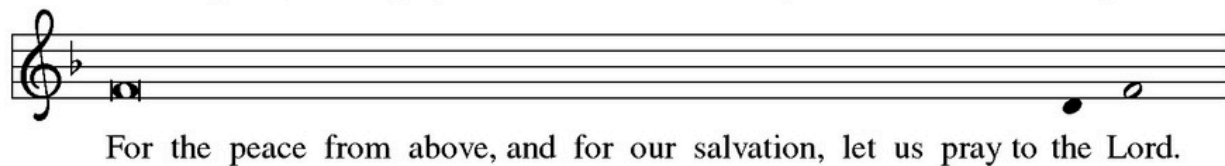
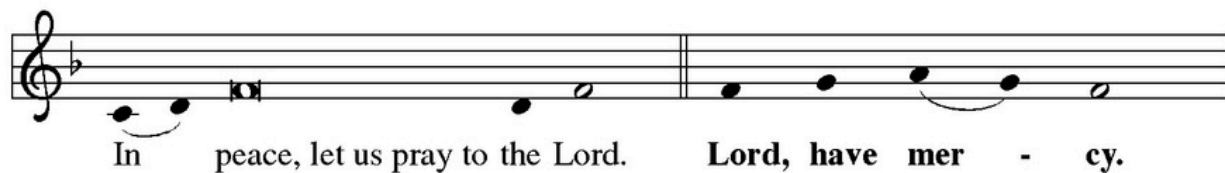
Silence for Reflection

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.

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, each with a single treble staff. The lyrics are '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.'

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,

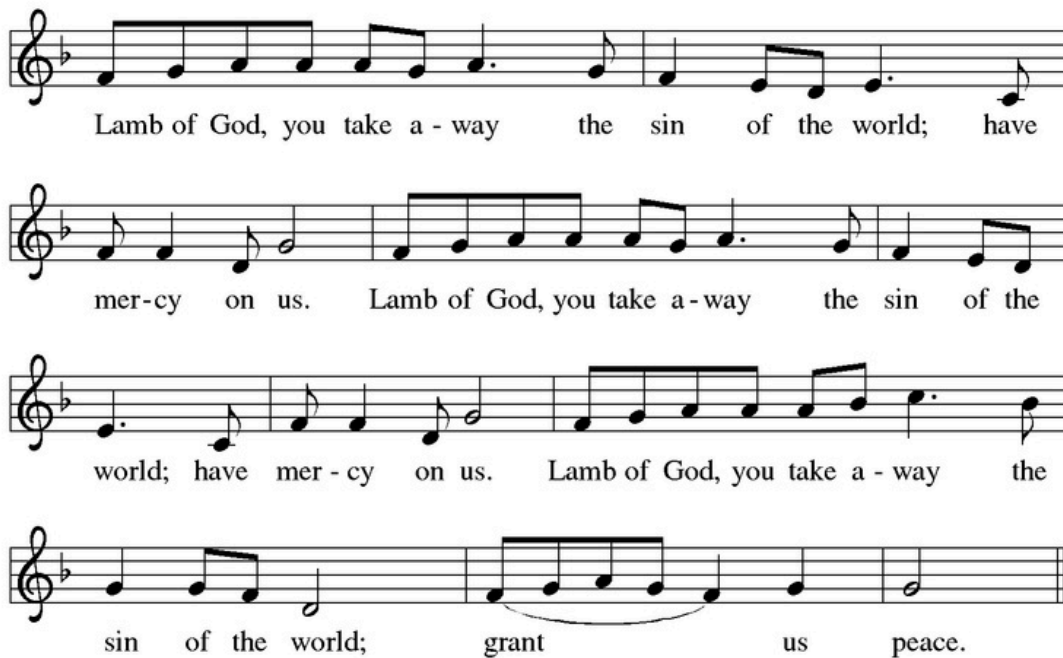
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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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Our first reading is from the book of Genesis.

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22. 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.**

¹⁶ Then God called for a famine in the land
and destroyed the supply of bread.

¹⁷ **The Lord sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

¹⁸ They bruised his feet in fetters;
his neck they put in an iron collar.

¹⁹ **Until his prediction came to pass,
the word of the Lord tested him.**

²⁰ The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free,

²¹ **setting him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,**

²² to instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

^{45b} | **Hallelujah!**

Like father Jacob, Joseph enters Genesis with a series of missteps. He snitches on his older brothers. Jacob worsens matters by playing favorites with Joseph, sealed by the gift of special garment. On top of that, Joseph blurts out a pair of his dreams to the brothers. In both, they grovel before Joseph. In response, the brothers devise another plan for Joseph. . . but then again, so does God.

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

By the time Paul writes this letter, divisions between synagogue and church have hardened. Between Paul's lines may be heard attitudes of, why bother? Sides are entrenched. Ears and hearts are closed. But Paul is not ready to give up. The gospel is for Jew and Gentile alike, as God is for Jew and Gentile alike. Then as now, who will bear Christ's word of reconciliation?

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #794 Calm the Waves (2x) Calm to the Waves

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."' and the second line to 'Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.' The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CALM SEAS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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OFFERING *Maitland (Precious Lord)* by George N. Allen, arr. by Albert Mendoza

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #785 When Peace Like a River - hymnal

ELW #773 Precious Lord Take My Hand - hymnal

***SENDING ELW #535**

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

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

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *End*



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984

Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*

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Prayer Requests: Alecia Chrin, Justin Schneider; Gerry Meyer; Corky Ronstadt, Mary Neff; 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); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Jennifer, 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); 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 eleventh Sunday in Pentecost involve surprising characters. Joseph enters the stage of Genesis as the favored child of Jacob and the sibling who cannot help but antagonize. Yet, looming in the background for Joseph are the dreams of God for God's people. The psalmist sings of God's providence revealed in none other than Joseph. Paul refuses to stay silent in the face of the divisions between his beloved communities, synagogue and church. The reason is God's grace and love for both. In Matthew, the sea itself becomes a character when Jesus walks upon the waters. On those troubled waters, professed fear yields to confessed faith.

Special Congregational Meeting - Today, August 9, 2026 Immediately Following Worship

To make the most expansive vision for property stewardship possible, the Council is calling a Special Meeting on August 9 to consider purchasing the home at 1934 E. Mabel Street. This requires a majority vote of voting members present. A quorum (10% of voting members) is required for action.

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 8/9/26

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Jennifer Strand
Communion Assistants	Kathy DeVinney, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Joy Bulawa
Usher	Asher and Mary Havenhill
Greeter	Kathy DeVinney
Cross Bearer	Asher Havenhill
Coffee Host	Melissa Wyatt
Treats	Mary & Asher Havenhill
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 8/16/26

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
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Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
Usher	Jeanne Gacke, David Lester
Greeter	Sophia Rankin
Cross Bearer	Jennifer Strand
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