

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

August 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

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.

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: Tom, Melanie, Mary, Tracy & Marty, Gene, Addison and Nicole, and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: 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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Pastor Glenn and Ted's Celebration on August 17

Please join Pastor Glenn and Ted following worship service on Sunday, August 17 in the Activity Building to mark their nearly 20 years at Our Saviour's. This will be an opportunity to say "good-bye" since this will be their last time with the congregation before they head for Colorado. Look for some treats — and for the last of the Meyer lemon lemonade too!

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 in our series on the prophets offer challenging words about priorities. Luke, Jesus links an invitation to not fear with a stunning word about how to gauge where one's heart is. Two parables then explore the theme of readiness. Isaiah begins with a searing critique of worship that has become empty ritual. A set of nine commands follow that make clear what God seeks in terms of holiness and justice.

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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 *On Golden Pond* by Dave Grusin

***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.

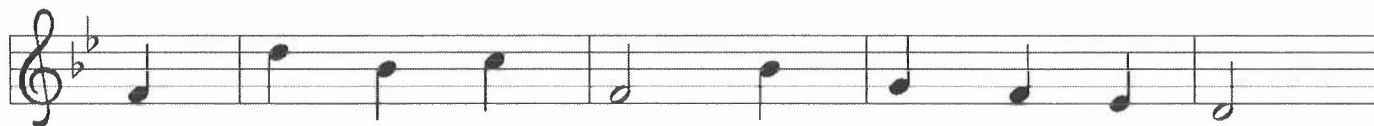
Silence is kept for reflection.

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 #418 Rejoice in God's Saints

Rejoice in God's Saints



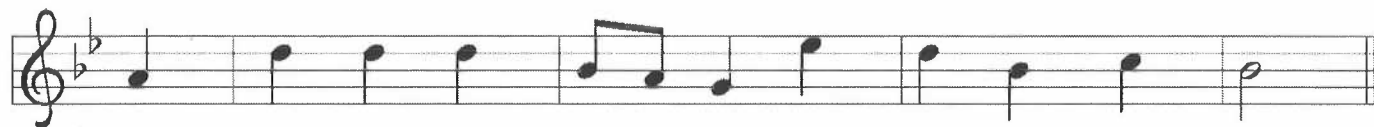
1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
who bear some-one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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***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 12:32-40

Most of Luke's stories in the surrounding chapters in which our passage is set share a common context. Crowds gather, and in their presence Jesus teaches the disciples. There is nothing private or "insiders only" in Christ's words. The gospel is "overheard." Folks can listen in and then make their own decisions. But if you think that might cause Jesus to water down his message to make the gospel less demanding and more appealing: think again, and listen closely, and keep listening.

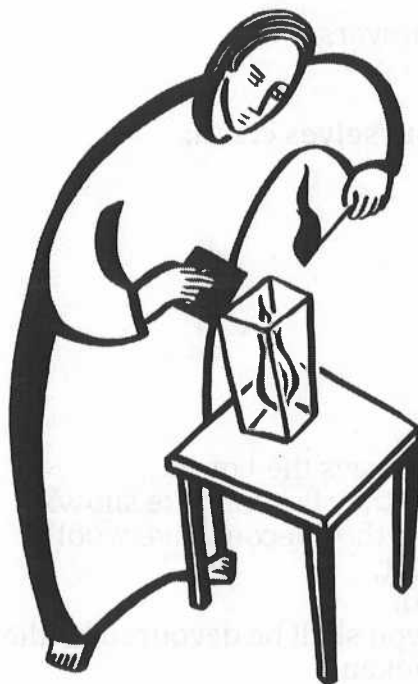
[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



SECOND READING Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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

Biblical scholars offer various ideas about when parts of Isaiah were written and why. Today's reading likely arose when the Jerusalem Temple and its liturgies came to be seen as the highest priority of covenant with God. But Isaiah raises a hard issue. What happens when the words and actions of worship are contradicted by what is said and done in public life? Covenant then teeters between judgment and hope. The word God spoke through Isaiah challenged Judah. It still challenges us today.

¹ The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord,
you "rulers of Sodom!"

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you "people of Gomorrah!"

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls
or of lambs or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more!

¹³ Bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ **Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;**

**they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.**

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ **Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil;**

¹⁷ **learn to do good;
seek justice;
rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.**

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:

If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow?

If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool?

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land,

²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

#HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #1036 Commonwealth is God's Commandment

The hymn's refrain includes words meaning peace from a variety of religious traditions (Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim). *The words are pronounced like this: shahn-tee, pahks, shuh-lohm, muhs-lah-hah.*

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-blet set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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 *Gavotte en Rondeau* by J.S. Bach

*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

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...

...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 feast of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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 # 767 Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me
ELW #856 How Great Thou Art

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN ELW #771 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our place
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;

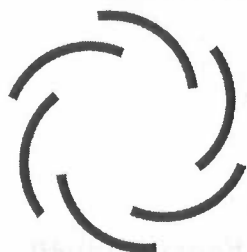


great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God.



Welcome Yi Yun Chun

We are delighted to announce that Yi Yun Chin will be joining the music ministry at Our Saviour's in the role of Collaborative Musician. Yi Yun (Janny) is a first-year doctoral student at University of Arizona, studying piano performance. She will be providing music for Sunday worship and accompanying the choir. After growing up in Malaysia, Yi Yun completed her Master of Music in Piano Performance at Miami University in Miami, Ohio. She is passionate about performing arts, with over 8 years of experience in piano accompaniment for singers, choirs, ensembles, and solo instruments and was the collaborative musician for a Unitarian Universalist congregation in Miami for two years. Yi Yun writes that that she "greatly values the role of music in uniting a congregation and uplifting hearts." The search committee (Nancy Rude, Pam Hardman, Greta Pasztor, and Pastor Amalia) was impressed by her skill, energy, and vision. We will have a longer introduction in the coming weeks. Yi Yun's first Sunday with us will be August 17.

Small Group Ministry

You will find (or can create) many ways to get to know others through small group ministry at Our Saviour's. Many of these groups take a pause during the summer because of vacation and travel schedules. This also provides the chance for informal book groups, movie and game nights, public witness, and other great ideas you might have to connect people here or out in the community. **From September to May** we offer vocal and bell choir and a variety of faith formation groups on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Our young people connect with other Lutheran teens in Tucson through Super Youth. Pastor Mateo and Annette Chavez offer weekly Spanish classes for all levels. **Throughout the year**, you can connect with quilting, prayer shawl groups, our Caring Ministry team that reaches out to those at home or in care centers, and lay-led Bible and prayer groups. Talk with other members or the pastors if you'd like to learn more about these groups.

Do you get the eNews?

Every Monday, we send out a eNewsletter with a key events, readings, and prayers for the week. You can also find out what's happening on the Events Page on our website (www.lutherantucson.org). Fill out a green sheet or email the church office (oslc@lutherantucson.org) to sign up.

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 8/10/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Hildi Williams
Communion Assistants Ted Adams
Acolyte Ted Adams
Keyboard Betsy Dunlap
Usher Scott Koenig, Pam Hardman
Greeter Donna Lounsbury, Daphne Myers
Cross Bearer Eldon Krueger
Coffee Host Fred Hudson
Treats Joanna Keyl
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

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Assisting Minister Ginny Phillips, Rev. Glenn Schrader
Communion Assistants Hildi Williams
Acolyte Ted Adams
Keyboard Yi Yun Chin
Usher Angie Grandison, Jennifer Strand
Greeter Kathy DeVinney
Cross Bearer
Coffee Host Ron and Nancy Rude
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9:00 - Sanctuary

Coffee following

10:30 Sunday Forum

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Monday - Thursday

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