



...THE MOUNTAINS AND THE HILLS
BEFORE YOU SHALL BURST INTO
SONG, AND ALL THE TREES OF THE
FIELD SHALL CLAP THEIR HANDS.

Isaiah 55:12

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**7TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026, 9:30AM**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace
is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health,
race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression,
education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do,
have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God.
God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise,
prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work
for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Liz Bahr, Cantor | Judi Winkler, Custodian

Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We are delighted you have
chosen to worship with us today. We will share holy Communion; you are
welcome to participate.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream
'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab)
today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive
Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn
requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any
communication with the office or pastor.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special
devices. If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468
or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Pastor: Joanne Richmond
AV Ministry Team: Asa and Fox Zinniel
Cantor: Liz Bahr
Coffee Fellowship: Dorcas Society
Communion Assistant: Gregg Attleson
Organist: Thomas Haag
Prayer Reader: Gregg Attleson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Unser Herrscher

Mark Rippe

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess

that we have turned from you

and given ourselves

into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry

and humbly repent.

In your compassion

forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things we have done

and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you,

and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you

in newness of life

through Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive
together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

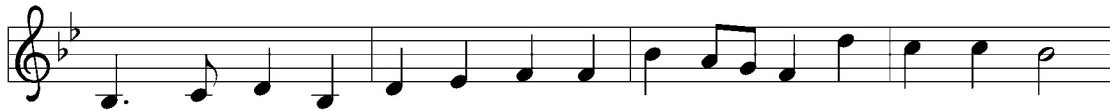
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God
strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts
through faith.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW #533 vs. 1, 2, 3

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in-crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

GREETING

ELW p. 98

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

God our Creator in heaven,
have mercy upon us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit, true comforter,
have mercy upon us.

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of five lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.', 'Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.', 'When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.', and 'Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.'

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive your word with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 1—9

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Rain from the Clouds

ELW #508

CREED

ELW p. 105

**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. Amen.**

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward that time when all creation will rejoice, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns, including those named on our prayer list.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our source, tend each of us with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

DIALOGUE

ELW p. 107

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ELW p. 114

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world and continue forever
in the risen life of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Wilbur Held

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SUNDAY FUNDAYS—July 12, and 26, 2026, Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship this summer for some fun! Today the Lego and Duplo blocks will be out, Potato Heads will be the activity of the day next Sunday, July 26. Looking ahead: come play BINGO on Sunday, August 2, 2026. ***All ages and stages welcome!***

BACK TO SCHOOL SALES—July is a great time to take advantage of Back-to-School sales—and to support Lutheran World Relief's School Kits at the same time! As you shop the sales, consider picking up items like notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, and erasers. These simple supplies help put together school kits that support students and families around the world.

EACH KIT NEEDS

- ☐ 4 wide- or college-ruled spiral notebooks (70 sheets each, approximately 8" × 10½")
- ☐ 1 box of crayons (16 or 24 count)
- ☐ 1 ruler (30 centimeters, or centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- ☐ 1 pencil sharpener
- ☐ 1 pair of blunt (children's) scissors
- ☐ 5 unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers
- ☐ 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens)
- ☐ 1 eraser (approximately 2½ inches long)

Thank you for helping turn summer shopping into meaningful care and support for others.

JULY DONATION DRIVE – DISHING OUT KINDNESS

Donate dish soap of any brands or size throughout July. Please place donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity and support as we make a difference, in the lives of local families, one bottle at a time.

OUR SAVIOR'S RUMMAGE BAG SALE

Friday, August 14, 9am—4pm: \$5 a bag

Saturday, August 15, 9am—2pm: Fill 1–2 bags for \$5

Jewelry and selected items will be individually priced.

Donations Needed! Help support our Rummage Sale by donating clean, gently used items in good condition, including clothing, shoes, linens, jewelry, books, tools, and household items. Please no electronics, large appliances, car seats, or baby furniture accepted. Furniture donations require prior approval.

Donation Drop-Off: Mon., August 3—Thurs., August, 9am–1pm

Thank you for supporting this event through your donations and participation!

DINNER AND A SHOW—Friday, July 24, 5:30 – 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Join us for a cozy family movie night fun for all ages and stages ! Enjoy a light dinner and snacks while we relax and watch a great film together.

FRUITS & VEGGIES POTLUCK—Sun., July 26, 2023, 10:15am, Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the flavors of summer with us at our Fruits & Veggies Potluck! Bring a dish featuring fruits or vegetables to share and stay for a delicious meal and great fellowship.

OSLC HIKING GROUP—Sunday, July 26, 1:30pm, Lower Hixon Trailhead

Hikers of all levels are welcome to join us for a relaxed afternoon hike as we explore the beautiful Lower Hixon Trails! Whether you enjoy a casual walk or simply want to spend time outdoors with others, all are welcome. We'll wind through wooded trails, enjoy the peaceful surroundings, and take in the natural beauty of Hixon Forest while sharing conversation and fellowship along the way. Come walk with us and enjoy an afternoon in nature!

💧 SUMMER CAMPFIRE 💧 Saturday, August 1, 6—8pm, Courtyard

You are invited (all ages) to join us from 6 – 8pm in the church's courtyard by the fire pit. These events will be filled with community, yard games, and s'mores of course! Watch our social media pages for weather-related announcements: [@oursaviorslacrosse](https://www.instagram.com/oursaviorslacrosse)

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 12, 2026

8:30—10:30am Office Open
9:30am Worship
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:15am Sun. Fun. Lego & Duplo's
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am—12 noon Gas Voucher

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am Quilters
1—5pm WCC Open
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:05—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

8:30am St. Clare's Health Mission
 Mobile Medical Unit—Parking Lot
9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship
1pm Art & Faith
6pm Church Council

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open
1pm Executive Committee mtg.

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Noisy Offering—Emergency Fund

8:30—10:30am Office Open
9:30am Worship
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion
 CFS—Come For Supper
 WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Art Olson, **Athena** Burg, **Barb** Jarrett, **Bev** Hanson,
Casey Kanter, **Cassie**, **Cathy** Ofte, **Cindy** Moe,
Dan Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos,
Dean Geier, **Erik** Rudrud, **Erv** Dukatz,
Esther Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni,
Gale, **Jane & Michael** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie**
 White, **Jeff** Kent, **Jeremy** R., **Pastor Joanne**,
Jon Zinniel, **Joshua**, **Jim** Radatz, **Juliana** Andrews,
Karen Geoglein, **Katie** White, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne,
Kelly Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica & Jack** D.,
Pamela Mathis, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Rick**, **Roger** Loing,
Rose Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos,
Sonja Simonson-Schrag, and **Tom** Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Esther Suter

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Ricky Macon, and **Tom** Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jessie Brobeck July 12
Rayno May July 12
Stanley Hayek July 13
Renee Hesar July 13
Rayone Moyer July 17
Gregg Attleson July 18