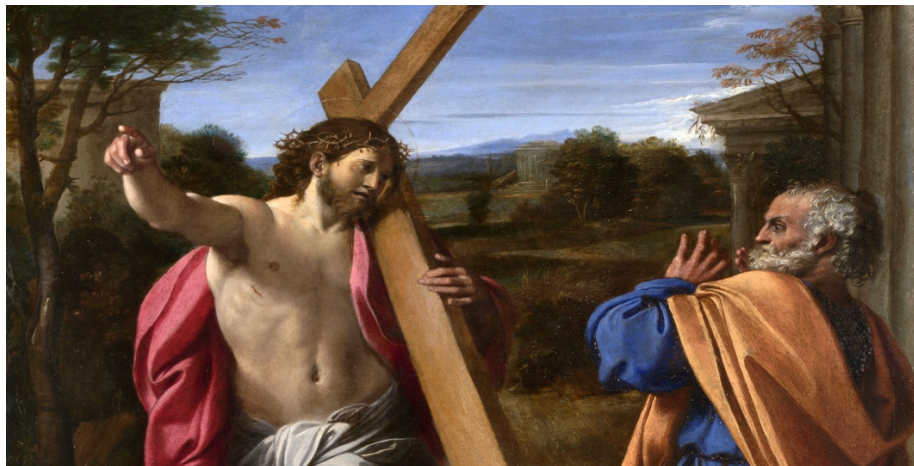


SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, August 29, 2026 @ 5pm
Sunday, August 30, 2026 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed

INVOCATION In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**
Opening Hymn "Lift High the Cross" (vs. 1-4) Hymn #377

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Refrain

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.
Refrain

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.
Refrain

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Heavenly Father, you are the judge of every person who has ever lived and who will ever live.
We want to be the judge of our lives and we neglect to listen to your Word.

Jesus Christ, you are the one sent by the Father to pardon us who fall short.
We want to imagine that we just need a little help, but you tell us we need a resurrection.

Holy Spirit, you guide us now to live under Christ's rule and reign in the kingdom of heaven.
We offer our lives back to you, a living sacrifice to your glory.

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Heavenly Father, your Son has given his life for us out of love. Help us to turn away from our sin and listen to your guidance to love and serve those around us. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you, who do truly repent, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, we aren't good at "denying ourselves." We're taught to buy what we want, never question our heart's desire, and post whatever we want online as long as we're angry enough. Help us to lose our life for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

FIRST READING	Jeremiah 15:15-21	OT p. 704
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")</i>		

SECOND READING	Romans 12:9-21	NT p. 1036
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")</i>		

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Alleluia"	p. 83
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?		
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.		

GOSPEL	Matthew 16:21-28	NT p. 896
<i>(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord")</i>		
<i>(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ")</i>		

SERMON	"The Living Church Pt. 2"	Pastor
Dan Doran		

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	Hymn #370
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**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind Is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.**

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION (SATURDAY)

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

BLESSING AND PRAYER (SATURDAY)

SENDING

Sending Hymn	"Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word"	Hymn #379
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**Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word, Spread the reign of God the Lord;
Tell how his own Son he gave, All from sin and death to save.**

**Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave himself as sacrifice.**

**Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.**

**Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all See your light and heed your call.**

BENEDICTION & DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Psalms 26:1-8 (3)

¹Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without
wavering.

²Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.

³**For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.**

⁴I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;

⁵I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.

⁶I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O LORD,
⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

⁸O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

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