

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, July 11, 2026 @ 5pm
Sunday, July 12, 2026 @ 8:30am, Live-streamed

INVOCATION In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**
Opening Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" **Blue Hymnal #771**

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Refrain

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, Your Word goes out and never returns void.

But we sometimes doubt Your Word and Your action in our lives.

Lord Jesus, through faith in You there is "no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)

Forgive us for wandering away and not trusting the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth, for Your Word is Truth.

Holy Spirit, through You we have faith and are encouraged to trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

Take away the fear of the unknown, that we may trust and follow Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Almighty God, You have called us through Your Holy Spirit, and made us Your children through faith in Jesus Christ. You have forgiven us that we may know Your blessing in our lives. Through faith in Jesus Christ and the promises in the waters of baptism, your sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you, 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

Almighty God, You have planted in us the seed of Your Word, that by Your Holy Spirit we may receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow faith, that we may bear fruit that will last forever to Your glory; through Your Son, 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 **Isaiah 55:10-13** **OT p. 672**

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")

SECOND READING **Romans 8:1-11** **NT p. 1031**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **"Alleluia"** **p. 83**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** **NT p. 891**

(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord")

(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ")

SERMON **"The toughest thing you'll ever do..."** **Pastor David Irgens**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day **"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"** **Hymn #448**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

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

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. Amen

BLESSING AND PRAYER (SATURDAY)

SENDING

Sending Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

Blue Hymnal #699

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

Refrain

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Refrain

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

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

Psalm 65 (11)

¹Praise is due to you,
God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
²O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.
³When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
⁴Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your
house,
your holy temple.
⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with
deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

⁶By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
⁷You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are
awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the
evening shout for joy.
⁹You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water,
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
¹¹**You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**
¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Notes:



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