

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, July 25, 2026 @ 5pm
Sunday, July 26, 2026 @ 8:30am, Live-streamed

INVOCATION In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Opening Hymn "Rise, Shine, You People!" **Hymn #393**

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, You seek us out that we may know You and the fullness of Your promises.

Remind us it is Your Kingdom, not ours and Your will that is accomplished.

Jesus Christ, You have revealed the Kingdom of heaven to us that we may anticipate the wonders of what heaven will be like when we stand in Your presence.

When we don't know what to pray, You are already praying. When we are uncertain about the future, You remind us that it is in Your hands. "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!" (Romans 8:39)

Holy Spirit, You help us in our weakness and intercede for us.

We place our faith in "Jesus Christ (who) is 'the same, yesterday, today and forever'" (Heb. 13:8). The Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Rom. 8:27)

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

Heavenly Father, Your Kingdom will never end! Your Kingdom is forever! We come to You in our weakness, our sin and shortsightedness, that we may be forgiven. Through faith in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore 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

Almighty God, may Your Kingdom come! Give us faith that we may listen to Your Word, believe it, and follow Your will in our lives. Even in times of uncertainty, may we hold onto You as You already hold onto us; 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	1 Kings 3:5-12	OT p. 302
	<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")</i>	
SECOND READING	Romans 8:26-39	NT p. 1032
	<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 13:31-33, 44-52	NT p. 892
	<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 Irgens	"The Kingdom of Heaven is like..."	Pastor David

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day	"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	Blue Hymnal #731
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**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.**

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	Hymn #315
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Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;

Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, Never-more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing Serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee!

Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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!**

Psalm 119:129-136 (130)

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
¹³⁰**The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**
¹³¹With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.
¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your
name.

¹³³Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.
¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.

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