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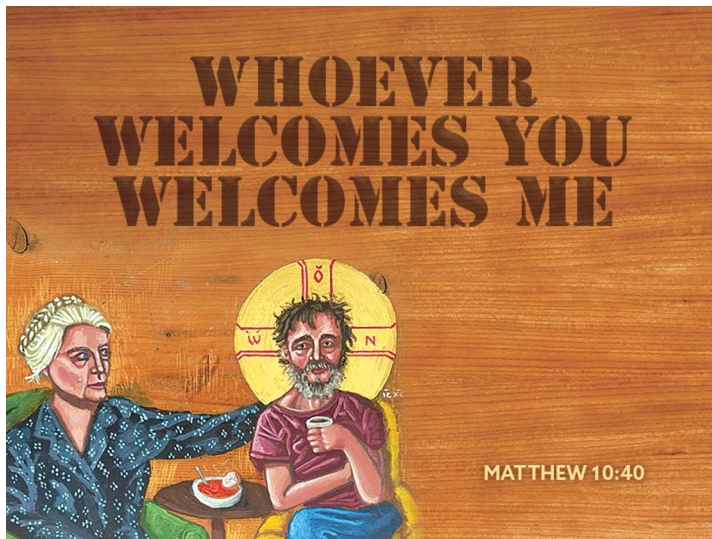
"Making disciples and growing in grace"



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5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2026



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death.

In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE

Speak O Lord

Getty and Townend

Verse 1

**Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ
might be seen today
In our acts of love
and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory**

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

Blessed be God,

Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit

one God whose compassion endures forever. **Amen**

Let us now confess our sin to God
Silence is kept for personal reflection

Compassionate God,
**we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest." In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
I declare to you the entire forgives of all your sins. Rest in God's love. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

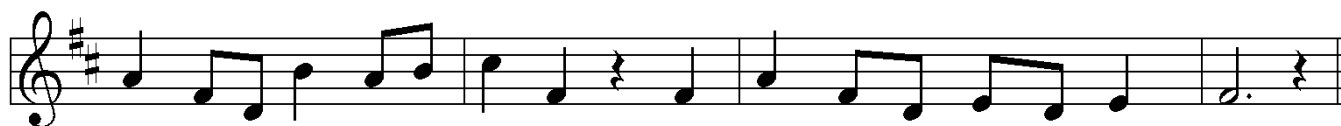
ELW # 641

- 1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**
*Refrain All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*
- 2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***
- 3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***
- 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain***
- 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

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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.**



A Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- migh- ty God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,



you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(The congregation is now seated)



CHILDREN'S SERMON



WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death.

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

L: The Word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³ "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴ **'I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.)

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.



[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**



SERMON

Pastor Jim DuMond

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW # 659

- 1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**
- 5. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.**

** Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use*



THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For the sick: *Marjorie Gumm, Bill Ewing, Barbara Rupert, Karin McCoy, Dorla Brunke, Larry Seifert, Jean Loveday, Gene Whitson, Duane Williams, John Paul Neas, Scott & Cindy Gibson, Mary King, Barbara Diehl, Karen Mears, and Curtis Van Hooser*

And for these family and friends: *Bryan Patrick, Jesse Huffaker, Janie Filer, Bonnie Cassini, Matt Gillis, Betsy Craft, Glenn Christy, Ginny McGee, Savannah Tate, Raymond Leon II, Cody Moore, Stephanie Patteson, Melissa Brown, Jennifer Keegan, Skip Nipper, Aga Schrock, Nikki Miller, Ryan Nesselth, Randy Parrish, Carolyn Parish, Andy Wilhoit, Bob Edwards, Doug Beier, Pat Kirkland, Trish Gradley, Paul Gregory Sr., Luke Hawk, Julian Hawk, Juniper Hawk, and Kristy Epperson*

P: Freed by Christ, let us offer our prayers to God for the church, the world,
and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

A: Almighty God, We give you thanks for the freedom won for us by the sacrifice of your Son,
Jesus Christ. Help us not to use our freedom as an opportunity for self-service but for
service to others.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for those who work the fields to produce our food and for those who protect and
conserve our natural resources that they would provide what your creation needs for life.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for our nation that we might walk humbly with you and be a shining light of
justice, compassion and liberty in the world. Keep us mindful of the blessings we have we
received from you and give us a willingness to help those who are in need.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for all those who have served our country so we might have the freedoms
that we enjoy. Keep those who serve in the armed forces and all who work to protect our
nation and communities in your care.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for those who are ill or recovering from surgery, surround them with our prayers
and grant them your healing.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, that your church would support them
in their struggle for the freedom to worship you as they choose.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

A: Help us all to trust in your eternal love for us that you have shown so clearly in the life,
death and resurrection of Jesus.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our hopes and prayers, O God of mercy, for great is your faithfulness in
Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

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

THE OFFERING

*An offering is gathered in cheerfulness and gratitude for all that God has given to us. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
The table is set as the offering is received.*

— Electronic Giving Option —

Please consider an offering to help us continue doing great ministry together.

For electronic giving, scan the QR Code to get started!



OFFERTORY SPECIAL MUSIC

Steal Away

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together the offering prayer:

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us to take heart in you and to share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

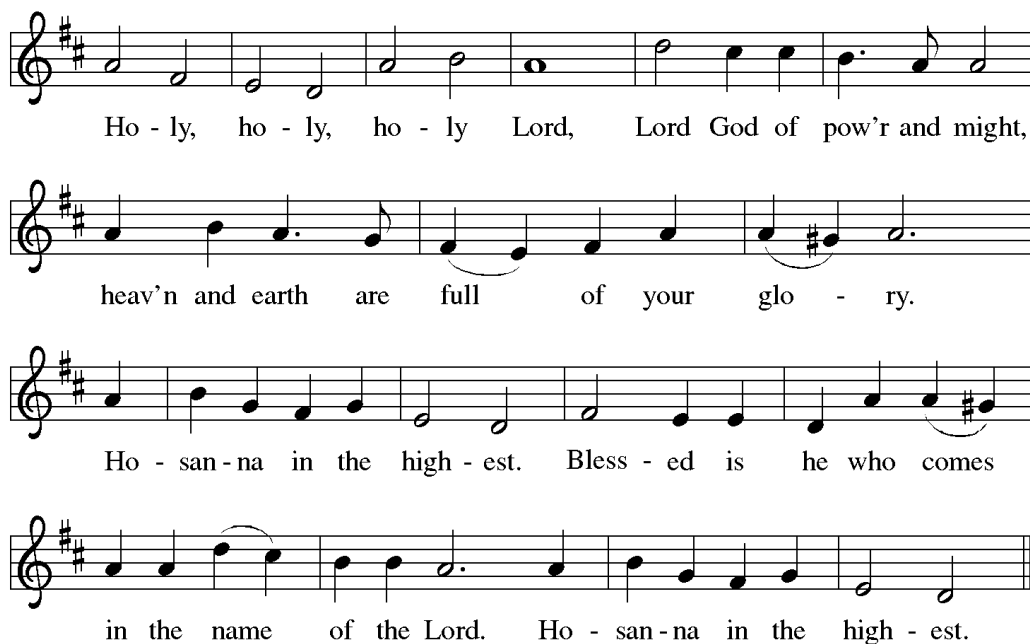
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to commune today at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Holy Communion will be received at the altar rail. The ushers will guide you. At the rail, you will receive a wafer. The Communion Assistant will have individual cups. Wine and white grape juice are available. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know and we will bring Communion to you. A gluten free wafer is available.



COMMUNION HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW # 522

- 1. As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.**
- 2. Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**
- 3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

May Almighty God, the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✠ one God,

Bless you, Heal you, and Hold you
today and always. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

Because He Lives (Amen)

Tomlin, et. al.

Verse 1 **I believe in the Son**
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus *Amen amen*
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)

Verse 2 **I was dead in the grave**
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away *Chorus*

Bridge **Because He lives I can face tomorrow**
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand *Chorus*

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. And weee will!**

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Because He Lives (Amen)

AM I SUPPOSED TO
BE **RECEIVING** A
CUP OF WATER OR
GIVING IT? I'M
PERPLEXED.



YOU'RE
RECEIVING
HOSPITALITY
FROM OTHERS



AS ONE WHO
OFFERS JESUS.



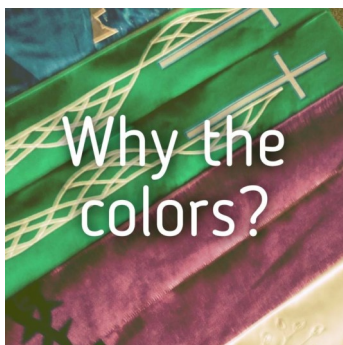
HOW ABOUT I JUST
BRING MY **OWN**
WATER? THAT
SEEMS MORE
RELIABLE.



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MATTHEW 10:40-42

— EVER WONDERED, "WHY THE COLORS?" —



In the Christian tradition colors are used for vestments and paraments, serving to adorn the worship space and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated. Today, the ELCA provides a system of colors for use by its congregations and for the most part, the same system is also used by Roman and Anglican churches, at least in the United States.

Many of the colors associated with the seasons are closely linked with the experience of Christians in the Northern hemisphere. Christians in the Southern hemisphere will experience the church year differently in that context, perhaps calling forth different color associations.

It is also helpful to realize that colors have different associations across the globe, just as they have had different associations over the course of the church's history. For example, white is the color North American and European Christians typically associate with Christmas and Easter, the color white signifying the purity of Christ, light or joy. In many Eastern cultures, however, white connotes mourning. Red, associated with energy, blood, or fire among other things in Western culture, is the color associated with purity in India.

The colors serve to adorn the worship space, and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated.

— THEOLOGICAL IDEA —

In many a church you will find a sign that says, "*All are welcome here!*" But how often do we forget what it means to welcome each other fully into our worship and community? Jesus makes it clear that when we welcome him, we also welcome the one who sent him, just as when we welcome someone into our worship space or into our lives, we also welcome whatever sent them.

Maybe they are new to the area and looking for a new church; maybe they didn't feel welcome in their former congregation because they are divorced, gay, or any other number of things we sometimes hold against another person. When we say all are welcome, that means welcoming people as their whole selves and as Christ himself.

HELP DONATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



We need your help with supplies for this year's Vacation Bible School. And with the QR Code, it's easy! Simply scan the code which will take you to our Amazon Wish List. Purchasing from this list gets us the exact items we need and ships them exactly where they need to be. All you have to do is scan the code to get started! If you have any questions, just see Mrs. Gemayel.



— LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME —

What a perfect opportunity to connect kids with the scripture readings in a concrete way on a summer day: a cup of cold water! Even better is a cup of ice-cold lemonade.

What would happen if you and your kids (and maybe some neighborhood kids) gathered to prepare a cold beverage to share with all who are present, children and adults alike?!?

Invite all to share in this sign of God's grace arriving to us as a gift just when we need it. Help children see that a part of welcome is hospitality, and that providing food and drink is one way we offer hospitality and meet the needs of those who gather.



By way of a cold beverage, we share a physical expression of the good news of God's love!



— FOR THE RECORD —

Worship Attendance for last Sunday, June 21:

64

Offerings & Financial Gifts last week:

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— LIFE IN CHRIST INCLUDES BOTH PRAISE AND LAMENT —

Though we may prefer to think of God giving us lives of joy and ease, a full life in Jesus Christ also includes sorrow and grief. To the extent we are willing to acknowledge God's presence in every circumstance, our faith becomes integrated and sustainable through a lifetime.

The texts for today offer a survey of faith-full moments for the people of God, from arguably the most disturbing story in all our scriptures (Genesis 22) to the proclamation of God's everlasting faithfulness. (Psalm 89)

Does our worship avoid faithful lament?

Marked by transformation as clear and life and death (Romans 6), the disciple naturally embodies the gospel of Jesus Christ. Like it or not, this includes moments of sadness, grief, and betrayal that were very much a part of Jesus' faithful journey. If our lives are identified with Christ, disciples can name both joys and sorrows as dimensions of Christ's story.

The greatest challenge of faith for most Christians is the moment of suffering, so this day invites us to practice faithful lament. In an age of denial when difficult things are swept under the rug, we may resist the idea that God wants anything to do with suffering. Our scriptures, however, ensure we do not avoid earth-bound realities. The psalmist wails a prayer in faith that not only laments abandonment by God but also confesses God's steadfast love (Psalm 13). The story of Abraham and Isaac haunts our imaginations when we expect God to make life easy.

Worship calls us to faithfully lament as well as praise. Let today be a service of full-hearted proclamation of the depths of life in Christ.

— CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS —



Welcome to Our Saviour Lutheran Church! We are happy that you came to worship today. If you came seeking the *Almighty*, you are in the right place. If you came seeking *community in Christ*, you are in the right place. If you came seeking *rest and worship of God most High*, then you came to the right place. Thanks be to God that you are here today!

Children are welcome in this house of worship. Children are a gift from God. Encourage them to participate in worship. Continue the dialogue started here in your homes with your children. Help them understand that God loves them.

Pastor Chris will be on vacation from June 16 – June 30. As Christians we know that even God rested, and we pray that during his vacation Pastor Chris will be refreshed and renewed. Supply pastors have been contracted to fill in on the two Sundays Pastor Chris will be out.



Today we are happy to have **the former Interim Pastor**, who was at Our Saviour Lutheran Church from 2024-2025, the retired **Rev. Jim DuMond**, leading worship.

If you have a pastoral emergency while Pastor Chris is out of the office, please contact the Church Office Administrator, Laurel Toft at (423) 282-2313, or the Council President, Allan Forsman at (423) 737-0208.

Primetimers Lunch is on Wednesday, July 1st, at Jeremiah Café at 603 Walnut Street. We are going to SKIP meeting at the church and go straight to the restaurant this time. Meet there at 11:45. While at lunch, we will be discussing what to do for our August picnic (which will be August 5th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall). If you plan to attend lunch at Jeremiah Cafe, please RSVP to Sharon Harshman at sharonharshman1@gmail.com

Melting Pot – Our Melting Pot Crew will meet on July 7th and 8th (2 hours in the mornings) to prepare meals and bag for delivery. No cooking skills needed! If you would like to volunteer to help feed the homeless and food challenged people in our community, contact Sharon Harshman.

Melting Pot Food and Clothing Donations -Melting Pot Food and Clothing Donations: Donations of individually wrapped cracker packets (any flavor/multiple crackers per packet) or individually wrapped desserts are needed. Label as “Melting Pot” and put food donations on the kitchen table for us to deliver with our monthly meals. Melting Pot is also collecting clothing to donate to the homeless and less fortunate. Please bag the clothing donations and place in the large box in the main hallway.

WELCA Personal Care Kits –Will be assembled on Monday, July 13th at 10:00AM, in the Fellowship Hall. If you can assist with the assembly, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the WELCA bulletin board in the main hallway.

The BIG 4th of July Party - If you are planning to join us for the party, please put your name on the Sign-Up Sheet (on the bright orange bulletin board) in the main hallway. Remember to bring lawn chairs with you! Event starts at 4:00PM

Veterans and Active Military Devotional Breakfast - is held the 1st Saturday of every month at 8:30AM at Golden Corral, 3104 Browns Mill Road in Johnson City. Next meeting will be the 4th of July.

Adult Sunday School - will continue to meet throughout the summer, so come check us out. Grab a coffee and snack from the kitchen area and join us in the church library at 9:00AM, for what usually turns into a lively and far-ranging discussion. All are welcome!

We will be welcoming new members soon, so if you are a visitor who has been looking for a church home, please contact the church office at (423)-282-2313, or send an email to office@OSLC.church

Our Sunday Morning Coffee Social Hour at 9:00AM - Come get coffee or hot tea and see what wonderful goodies our host this week has set up for us in the kitchen, then come sit with us in the Fellowship Hall to visit until Worship Service.

In Memory of Janet Ecklund - you may pick up a box to fill for our OSLC Food Pantry. These are available in the Narthex. If you would prefer to send a gift to the church, write "Janet Ecklund Memorial Fund" on your check or envelope.

Have you missed out on the Flamingo Fun? Pick up instructions and an envelope at the table in the Narthex.

— **OFFICE HOURS** —

Monday
10:00AM — 2:00PM

Tuesday
2:00PM — 4:00PM

Wednesday
9:00AM — 3:00PM

Thursday & Friday
10:00AM — 2:00PM

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Ushers:	Carmen Paulson & David Hamilos
Tellers:	Julis Forsman & Alliese Martelli
Altar Guild:	David & Betty Chalkley
A/V Techs:	Bryon Bolger & Travis Hobbs
Organ/Piano:	Carolynn Bailey

— FROM WELCOME TO BELONGING —

In just a few verses, the word welcomes sets the tone in this week’s gospel passage. There are transactional aspects when we welcome guests into our personal spaces, or when we are welcomed by others. We are aware of the power dynamics between host and guest, and the welcome that is given and received reflects our understanding of these roles. There are also different degrees of welcome. For example, it is one thing to experience a welcome of our physical presence, and quite a different matter when our perspectives and opinions are welcomed. The former relies on host-guest roles; the latter relies on a relationship being formed beyond culturally established roles.




It is no surprise that congregations pay attention to their welcome practices.

Some even adopt and publicize welcome statements. Congregations usually consider how visitors or guests come into their space for a worship service they host. When deeper welcome practices are employed, we can grow in our understanding of how we give and receive. This provides an interesting opportunity to consider that welcoming is more than just hospitality. We can also consider how the worship event happens because we are gathered by the Holy Spirit, so God is our host and we are all guests in that space.

Moving worship beyond a typical guest-host transaction, the reward is experiencing our belonging together as people of God. Belonging means welcoming one another into shared space. Seeking a wide expression of belonging challenges power dynamics that might otherwise remain in place in more traditional guest-and-host situations. Belonging is a culture we in congregations can cultivate and a gift we can share..

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mon.	June 29	9:00AM	Parent’s Day Out
Tues.	June 30		
Wed.	July 1	9:00AM 11:45AM 4:30PM	Parent’s Day Out PrimeTimers Lunch Choir & Band Practice
Thur.	July 2		
Fri.	July 3		Pastor’s Day Off
Sat.	July 4	4:00PM	Church Office Closed 4th of July Party at Church 
SUN.	JULY 5	9:00AM 9:00AM 10:00AM	Coffee & Sweets in Fellowship Hall Adult Sunday School in Library 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

