



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

"Making disciples and growing in grace"



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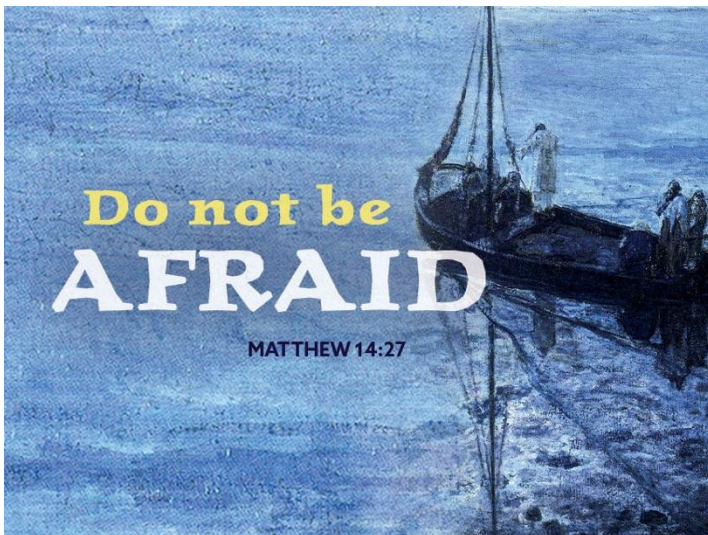
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11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2026

PRELUDE MUSIC

The Acolyte(s) and Pastor enter into the Sanctuary as the music begins.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of communion, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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

I Will Call Upon the Lord

O'Shields

Verse **I will call upon the Lord** (ECHO)
 Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)
 So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)
 I will call upon the Lord

Chorus *The Lord liveth!*
 And blessed be my Rock
 Let the God of my salvation be exalted (Repeat Chorus)

Repeat Verse & Chorus 1x

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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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(Holy Communion, Setting 10)

ELW p. 204



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, 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

1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.)

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of “little faith,” who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”



²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

Pastor Chris Heinold

HYMN OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW # 756

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

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: *Dani Dewitt, Brian Patteson, Theresa McComb, Marjorie Gumm, Barbara Rupert, 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: *Emily Clark, Cindy Pennell, Volodymyr Hrynko, Iryna Hrinko, Jesse Huffaker, Janie Filer, Trixie Bowers, Matt Gillis, Betsy Craft, Glenn Christy, Raymond Leon II, Cody Moore, Stephanie Patteson, Melissa Brown, Jennifer Keegan, Skip Nipper, The Schrock Family, Nikki Miller, Ryan Nesseth, Randy Parrish, Carolyn Parish, Andy Wilhoit, Bob Edwards, Doug Beier, Luke Hawk, Julian Hawk, Juniper Hawk, and Kristy Epperson*

P: With a bold trust in God's unfailing provision, let us now pray for the church, those in need, and for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. As you showed Elijah, your presence wasn't in the earthquake, the wind, or the fire. You were there in the sheer silence. Help us to be still and to listen for your voice.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for this world you created and called good. We thank you, Lord, for the beautiful mountains and valleys in East Tennessee and for the flowing waters. Help us to be better stewards of creation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for our leaders who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort the lonely and the homebound. Bring peace and healing to those grieving and all those we now lift to you in this moment of silence...
(10s pause)
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for our congregation, for this church we call Our Saviour Lutheran Church, that we reflect your love amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, our Parents' Day Out teachers, and all leaders with your still, calm voice.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us and now rest in your heavenly home. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ 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 that helps us continue doing great ministry together.

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



OFFERTORY MUSIC

I Speak Jesus

arr. Benton, Prince, et. al.

Verse 1 **I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus**

Verse 2 **I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus**

Chorus *('Cause) Your Name is power
Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire*

Verse 3 **I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus *Chorus***

Verse 4 **Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly
I speak the holy Name Jesus**

**I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus**

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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:

SANCTUS

(Holy Communion, setting 10)

ELW p.207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, 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. Gluten free wafers are available.



COMMUNION HYMN

Precious Lord Take My Hand

ELW # 773

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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.**

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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

I Will Follow

Intro	Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow
Verse 1	All Your ways are good. All Your ways are sure. I will trust in You alone Higher than my sight. High above my life I will trust in You alone
Chorus	<i>Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow You Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve If this life I lose I will follow (You)</i>

Interlude **I will follow You**

Verse 2 **Light into the world. Light into my life.**
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek. Knowing I will find.
All I need in You alone
In You alone *Chorus*

Interlude **I will follow You**

Bridge **In You there's life everlasting**
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow *Chorus*

Ending **I will follow You. I will follow You. I will follow You**

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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



EVER WONDERED, "WHY THE BREAD?"

Bread is one of the elements of Holy Communion, being the body of Christ. Different assemblies of Lutherans use different varieties of bread for Holy Communion, including unleavened loaves, leavened loaves, wafers, or even tortillas along the Texas/Mexico border, but in all cases bread is shared. Communion practice follows the example of the Last Supper, as recorded in Matthew 26:26-29, its gospel parallels, and in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24.

No matter what kind of bread is used for Holy Communion, Lutherans all believe in the Real Presence. The bread is not merely a symbol of Jesus' body and nor does it transform from bread into Jesus' body. Lutherans believe Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.

— 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.

WELCA Sunday – will be August 16th. Quilts will be displayed on the pews. Before we send them away, if you are interested in giving WELCA a donation of \$50 for a quilt, see Cheryl Milliken or Patty Neas to make arrangements. The money goes to the purchase of supplies, batting, etc. to enable us to make more quilts.

**We need 6-7 ladies to come help place the quilts on the pews, communion rails, etc. on Saturday, August 15th at 10:00AM. Just show up at the church, if you can help.*

***We will pack the quilts to go to Lutheran World Relief on Monday, August 17th at 10:00AM.** If you would like to help with that, please come to the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 that morning.

****Finally, all boxes full of Personal Care Kits and Quilts will be brought by Tom Marshall to Grace Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you, Tom, for volunteering to drive!***

Melting Pot Crew – will meet on August 11th and 12th (mornings) to prepare 180-200 meals and help with delivery. If you would like to volunteer to help feed the homeless and food challenged people of our community, contact Sharon Harshman at sharonharshman1@gmail.com or call her at 423-282-0400 (land line, no texts).

Lutheran Guys & Gals Lunch – will meet at 11:45AM on Monday, August 17th at Cootie Browns at 2715 N. Roan Street. Sharon will send out an RSVP a week before. Hope to see you there! For more information, or to get in on the fun, contact Sharon Harshman at sharonharshman1@gmail.com or call her at 423-282-0400 (land line, no texts).

Unity Circle – will meet on Tuesday, August 18th, at 1:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study of James.

Youth Sunday School classes have resumed! All youth meet in Grace Space (south narthex near the back of the sanctuary) at 9:00AM. At 9:05, the elementary age children will go to the Sunday School room beside the nursery. The Junior High and High School age kids will go downstairs. We look forward to an exciting year!

Adult Sunday School - Grab a coffee and snack by the kitchen and come join us at 9:00 AM in the church library (which is in the main hall), for what usually turns into a lively and far-ranging discussion.

Choir practice has resumed and meets in the Choir room (near the church office) at 4:30PM every Wednesday. We would love to have you share your voice and musical talents with us! We are adding more opportunities for instrumental pieces during Worship, and we are also beginning a Hand Chime group. We are seeking interested individuals to “help us make a joyful noise” with the Hand Chimes.

Cover Girls Quilt Guild – usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, but this month, we will only be meeting on August 11th and will skip August 25th. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00AM until about noon.



— FOR THE RECORD —

Attendance for last Sunday, August 2:	81
Offerings & Financial Gifts last week:	\$6,018.00
Electronic Giving for July 2026:	\$302.13

— 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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Today's Worship Assistants

Music Director:	Martha Hawk
Communion Assistant:	Brenda Whitson
Lector:	Alliese Martelli
Acolyte:	Tom Marshall
Greeters:	Mark Doty & Ricki Doty
Ushers:	Travis Pennell & Janeen Pennell
Gift Bearers:	Chris & Gemayel Heinold Family
Tellers:	Karen Wilson & Don McGaughey
Altar Guild:	Ronda Keffer
A/V Techs:	Bryon Bolger & Travis Hobbs
Organ/Piano:	Carolynn Bailey

— TAKE HEART —

Can you recall a time in your life when something happened that was so strange or out of place that your initial reaction was fear? Maybe you doubted what you were experiencing or seeing and even thought, This is not possible. This can't be.

The disciples must have been terrified when they saw something so strange that it should have been impossible—someone walking on water, toward their boat, during a storm. They thought they were seeing a ghost until Jesus said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” (Matthew 14:27)



Some say seeing is believing, but sometimes belief comes through experiencing. So, with Jesus' encouragement, Peter stepped out of the boat and began to walk on the water. But when he realized how hard the wind was blowing, Peter started sinking and shouted, “Lord, save me!” Jesus reached out, steadied Peter, and said, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” (vv. 30-31). Then the storm ended.

We may be more like Peter than we realize.

Maybe there are times when it's relatively easy to trust in God—until we face something unexpected, frightening, or out of our control. Then doubts immediately overwhelm us.

The good news is that Jesus hears our cries and saves us. He is with us in our weakest moments, holding us even as our spirits sink. Take heart—Jesus is always with you, bringing peace amid the storms, faith amid your doubts, and new life out of death.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mon.	August 10	9:00AM	Parent's Day Out
Tues.	August 11	9:00AM	Melting Pot
		10:00AM	Cover Girls Quilting & Tying
		5:45PM	Property Committee Meeting
		6:30PM	Church Council Meeting
Wed.	August 12	8:00AM	Melting Pot
		9:00AM	Parent's Day Out
		4:30PM	Choir Practice
Thur.	August 13		
Fri.	August 14		
		All Day	Pastor's Day Off
Sat.	August 15	10:00AM	WELCA Quilt & Care Kit Setup
		All Day	Church Office Closed
SUN.	AUGUST 16	9:00AM	Coffee & Sweets in Fellowship Hall
		9:00AM	Sunday School for All Ages
		10:00AM	12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
			<i>WELCA Sunday</i>

