

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 2026

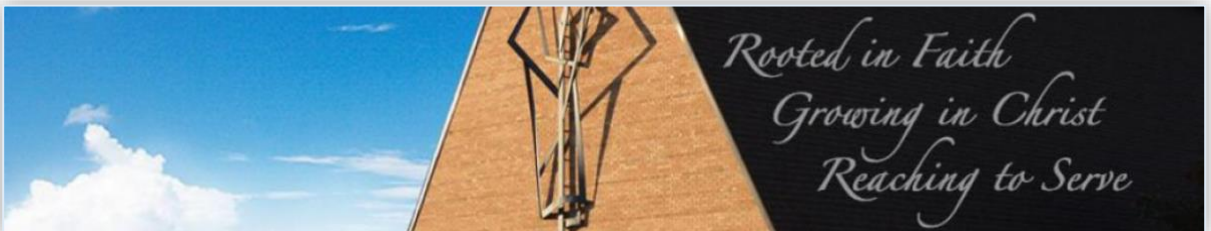
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE

Anna De Foe, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW# 834

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for 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, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



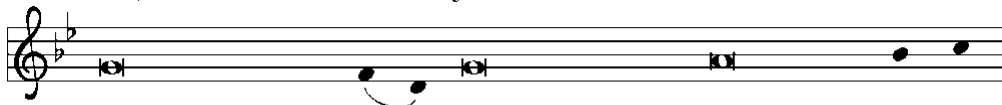
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



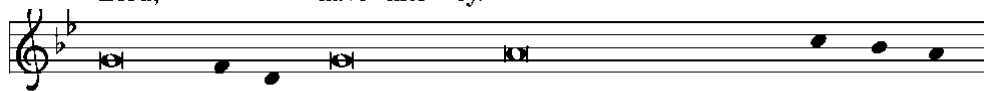
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



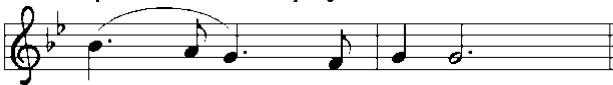
Lord, have mer - cy.



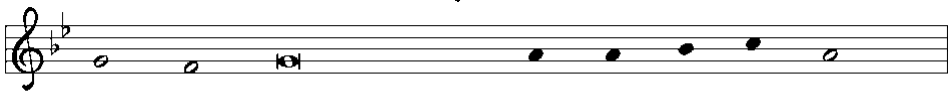
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of
all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-5

Lector, John Elofson

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel.

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21. *Please respond with verses in bold print.*

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5.

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21. The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

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APOSTLES CREED

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Please respond after each petition: (Pastor) "Merciful God,," (Congregation) "receive our prayer."

Concluding prayer: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

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+ online links can be found by accessing our website at <https://www.oslcmn.com/>

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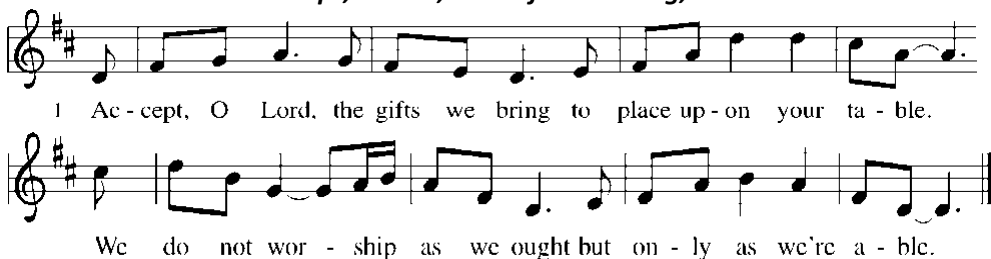
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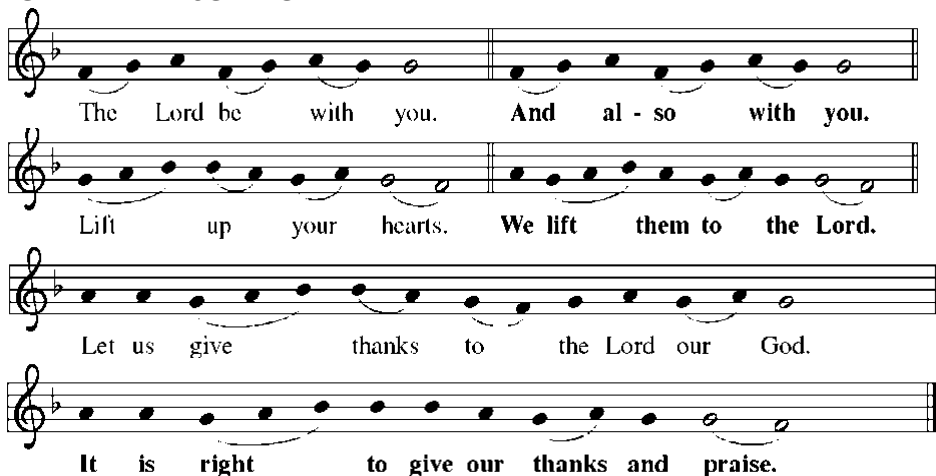
Accept, O Lord, The Gifts We Bring, Vs. #1

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OFFERING PRAYER Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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

LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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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 COMMUNION Heaven has come near. Come. share in the feast! All are welcome.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

I Received the Living God
I Come with Joy (time permitting)

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TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

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DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Anna De Foe, Organist

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WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Butch, Tom, Paul, Fred, Ellen, Steven, Gary, Chuck, Ron, Nadia, Mary, Ruth, Hudson, Wilson, Logan, Nel, Dan, Jim, Kyle, Cliff, Ryan, Alexandra W, Dan, Leslie, Shannon, Dale, Adeline, Sue, Jim, Wendy, Fred, Harry, Scooby, Larry, Caleb, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Tedd, Matthew, Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross, Anna, Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie, Leanne, Addy, Deb, Kyle, Gerilyn, Wally, Ralph, Sue.

Call the church office or Pastor if you have a prayer need: we can send it to the prayer chain if you desire. If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

10th Sunday After Pentecost

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL We met at Gethsemane Lutheran this year with Messiah Lutheran, and had 30+ children attending. The kids enjoyed themselves with games, activities & service projects. Thank you, Pastor, and to all who helped set up VBS this year, and those of you who cooked and served food during the latest heatwave!

WELCA NEWS FOR AUGUST The WELCA Laurentian Conference will hold a *Fall Gathering* planning meeting here **Wed. Aug. 12th at 10am**, with lunch served afterwards.

*Also, **Wed. Aug 19th All women of the congregation are invited to a picnic here at 12pm**, in our courtyard - weather permitting (inside if raining). Talk with Marcia about food and the details!

SPAGHETTI DINNER! The Scouting America Troop invites you to a **Spaghetti Dinner here, Friday, Aug. 14th 4-8pm**, coinciding with the Iron Range half-marathon! See the details on the next page.

SUMMER CHOIR It has been wonderful to hear the choir this summer. Our “pick-up” choir will sing on Sunday, **August 16th** (8:30 a.m. practice). All who are interested in music are invited to join us - Come see what singing in the choir is like and have some fun with us!

BOOK STUDY GROUP! Join us as we study a wonderful classic titled, *“Falling Upward.”* We will read a chapter together and hold open discussion afterwards- which has been quite enjoyable.

Dates & time are: **Aug. 13 & 27, 12-1pm**, in the Fireside Room.

WELCA & Fun-Duh-Mentals BIBLE STUDY The WELCA Study will be held **Aug. 4th & Aug. 18th @ 1pm**, and Fun-Duh-Mentals Bible Study on Ruth will be **Aug. 4th & Aug. 18th @ 4pm**. Both studies are open & do not require you to be seasoned with Bible Studies!

**All three Book studies above provide opportunity at different times during the month to explore spiritual life & build relationships; join us when you can!*

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP Today’s Livestream is sponsored by Tom Klabecek, in loving memory of wife Jarie. *Thank you for your support.* To sponsor Livestream & TV Broadcasts in honor of a person or special event (wedding annivers., birthday, graduation etc..) or in memory of a loved one, you may do so in any amount- It helps maintain our sound/camera equipment. See the kiosk/glass cabinet in the narthex to sign up. *Your support is appreciated.*

<u>THIS WEEK@OSLC:</u> MONDAY, AUGUST 3 10:30AM AA 2 PM ORGAN PR. 6PM SCOUTS 7PM NA	TUES., AUG. 4 10:30AM AA <u>1PM WELCA BIBLE STUDY</u> 2 PM ORGAN PR. <u>4PM FUN-DUH-MENTALS STUDY</u>	WED., AUG.5 <u>9AM QUILTING</u> 10:30AM AA <u>12-3PM C.CLOSET</u> 2 PM ORGAN PR. 5:30PM ALANON	THURS., AUG. 6 10:30AM AA <u>11AM COUNCIL MEETING</u> 2:30PM TOPS 6PM CUB SCOUTS 7PM NA W. WING	FIR., AUG. 7 10:30AM AA 7PM NA W.WING	SAT., AUG. 8 <u>9AM – 11:30AM</u> <u>OSLC FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, AND COMM. CLOSET</u> 10:30AM AA
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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
ALL-WOMEN'S PICNIC
THURS. AUG. 20TH 12PM
OUR SAVIOR'S COURTYARD



L.I.F.T.
resumes
Wednesday,
September 23

Youth Group - Grades 3-6
Confirmation - Grades 7-8
Sr. High Youth Group - Grade 9 - 12

Fall Unit is at
Gethsemane
6-8 pm

More details will be released soon



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THE HANSEN COUNTRY
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WED - SUN 10AM-6PM

COMMUNITY CLOSET PANTRY

Below are the following challenge items for the pantry. You can buy what you desire & at the store that is most convenient for you; we just provide examples of most commonly needed items for the week and give examples of spending \$10 or less. We appreciate all donations!

1. PEANUT BUTTER @ ALDI'S
\$1.99/18OZ JAR.
2. BERRYHILL JAM & PRESERVES @ ALDI'S
2.25-\$2.65 PER 18OZ JAR.
3. NORTHERN CATCH TUNA @ ALDI'S
\$.79 PER POUCH OR \$.95 CAN
4. SPAGHETTI SAUCE @ WALMART
\$1.97/JAR
5. GREAT VALUE NOODLES @ WALMART
6. \$1.24 EA/16OZ BOX

**AS ALWAYS, PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED*

WE NEED THESE
STAPLES THIS WEEK



THANK YOU!

God Pause for Friday, July 31, 2026. Matthew 14:13–21 (NRSV)

[Read Matthew 14:13–21 on biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Devotion: I wonder why Matthew tells us there were twelve baskets left over. Wouldn't it have been enough to simply say that everyone ate? Apparently not. The story doesn't end when hunger is satisfied. It ends with abundance. So often I move through life with a "just enough" mindset. Just enough time, energy, or faith to face whatever comes next. Then I remember the baskets. The baskets remind me that Jesus doesn't simply provide enough. He reveals the abundant heart of God. His grace is never measured in barely enough, but in the quiet assurance that God will faithfully provide what we need. Looking back, I can see moments when I wondered how I would make it through. Yet somehow there was enough strength for that day, enough hope for the next step, enough mercy to begin again. Perhaps we all have baskets we carry—reminders of God's faithfulness when we could not yet see what God was doing.

Prayer: Abundant God, thank you for the ways you have faithfully provided throughout my life, even when I could not yet recognize your hand at work. Open my eyes to remember your abundance, trust your provision for today, and rest in the generosity of your grace. Amen.

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