



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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9th Sunday After Pentecost



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

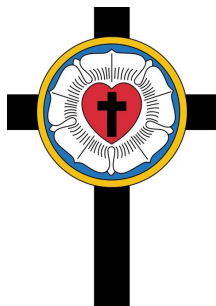
Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: My Wonderful Lord (Haldor Lillenas)



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.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: My Wonderful Lord

MY WONDERFUL LORD

Haldor Lillenas

1. I have found a deep peace that I nev-er had known And a
2. All the tal-ents I have I have laid at Your feet Your ap-
3. You are fair-er to me than the fair-est of earth You om-
joy this world could not af-ford— Since I yield-ed con-trol of my
pro-val shall be my re-ward. Be my store great or small I sur-
ni-po-tent, life-giv-ing Word O You An-cient of Days, You are
bo-dy and soul To my won-der-ful, won-der-ful Lord.— My
ren-der it all To my won-der-ful, won-der-ful Lord. My
wor-thy of praise, O my won-der-ful, won-der-ful Lord. My
won-der-ful Lord, my won-der-ful Lord By an-gels and ser-aphs in
Heav-en a-dored I know You are Mine My
Sav-ior di-vine My won-der-ful, won-der-ful Lord.—

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE KYRIE

D

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

A7

so - tros. mer-cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
Lord, . . have mer-cy on

D

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros,
us; O, . . Lord, have . . mer-cy.

G D A7

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .

D G

so - tros. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on

D A7 D

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

D

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

A7

so - tros. mer-cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
Lord, . . have mer-cy on

D

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

THE GLORIA

F **C7** **F**

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

F **C7** **F**

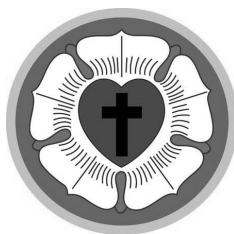
¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

C7 **F** **C7** **F**

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma-el Se - ñor.
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo- ry to God.

C7 **F** **C7** **F**

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma-el Se - ñor.
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo- ry to God.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.**



SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score is written for four staves in E major (three sharps). The lyrics are: *A - le - lu - ya, Al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ya! al - le - lu - ia!*

Chord markings above the staves include: E, F#m, B7, E, E, F#m, B7, E, A, E, B7, E, Am, D7, G, Em, B7, E.



GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Reign of God Like Farmer's Field

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, Bm, G, F#m, D7, G, Bm, G, A, D. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, each corresponding to a measure of the melody.

1. The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
2. The reign of God is like a pearl on
3. Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
4. Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
5. The reign of God is come in Christ; the

weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of eve - ry
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,

in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
ri - ses up, like yeast in swel - ling dough.
fea - ther come to nest, and there be fed.
kind - ling hearts, the reign of God is here!

CONFESSION OF FAITH - 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Hand Chime Choir: "A Joyful Ring"

OFFERING

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Musical notation for a four-line offertory song. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a single staff. Chords are indicated by letters above the staff: E, A, B7, E, E, A, B7, E, E, A, B7, E, E/B, B7, E. The lyrics are: "Take my life that I may be con-se-cra - ted, Lord, to Thee. Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold. Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no long - er mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own. It shall be Thy roy - al throne."

Take my life that I may be con-se-cra - ted, Lord, to Thee.

Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no long - er mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own. It shall be Thy roy - al throne.

ALL: 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



San - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: Oh, How I Love Jesus

from I John 4:19

C Em/B Am C/G B $\flat$ G7 C F G

Oh, how I love Je - sus, Oh, how I love Je - sus, —

C Em/B Am C/G Dm/F F/D C/G G F C

Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause He first loved me. —

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

Em B7

1. Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of thanks and bless-ing,
2. You made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen-dor;
3. Cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry, —

B7 Em

a song of grate - ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press-ing:
de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won - der.
and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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

DISMISSAL

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



RECESSIONAL HYMN: Every Time I Feel the Spirit

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

African-American Spiritual

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is in the treble clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: D7, G, D, D/G, A7 on the first staff; D7, G, D, G7, A7 on the second staff; and D Fine G, D, G, D, G, D, A7, D on the third staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Eve-ry time I___ feel the Spir-it___ mov-in' in my heart I will
pray. — Eve-ry time I___ feel the Spir-it___ mov-in' in my heart I will
pray. 1. On the moun-tain my Lord spoke. From His mouth came fire and smoke.
2. All a - round me looked so fine. Asked the Lord if___ it was mine.
3. Did-n't know what I should say, till the Spir - it___ helped me pray.

 Go Now
in Peace



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SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
July 26	Vicki Coyle	Rick Henly	John Leara
Aug 2	Nicole Hazarian	Sally Leara	Ed Moderacki
Aug 9	Ed Moderacki	Susan Conrad	Rick Henly

FLOWERS

July 26	For: In Celebration of Callie's Birthday
	From: Antoinette Walder
Aug 2	For: In Loving Memory of Ethel Behnke
	From: The Day Family
Aug 9	For: Brenda & Ed's 25th Anniversary
	From: The Moderacki Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 10-21	School Closed
Aug 24	School Office Open/Staff Returns
Aug 29	Council Planning Meeting: 9:30am—2:30pm
Aug 30	Wee Worship

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