

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - July 27, 2025
9:00 a.m. Worship Service**



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Land Acknowledgement

L: As children of God we honor the true story of this land where we worship. This congregation of Our Savior Lutheran Church acknowledges and honors the Sauk & Fox, Kickapoo, Kaskaskia, Myaamia, Peoria and Sioux (Očhéthi Šakówin) peoples,

C: upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who continue to care for this land and call it their home. May we tell our story in its fullness, for in knowing the truth of who we have been, we come to know more fully who we are called to be.

Passing of Peace

Call to Worship

A: We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole heart; we sing your praise.

C: We give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

A: For though the Lord is mighty, God regards the lowly, poor, and the oppressed as loved ones.

C: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, God preserves us against the wrath of our enemies. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Gathering Hymn – Jesus, the Very Thought of You – ELW #754

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

L: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Litany for Peace and Justice

L: From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice, and hatred;

C: O Lord deliver us.

L: From suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation;

C: O Lord deliver us.

L: From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other peoples or nations;

C: O Lord deliver us.

L: From the coveting of money or power that so often forms the basis of the drive to kill;

C: O Lord deliver us.

L: From neglect and distraction to the cries of the defenseless and needy that kills by indifference;

C: O Lord deliver us.

L: From all that prevents the human family from fulfilling your promise of peace and justice;

C: O Lord deliver us.

L: Stir up your power, Lord, come into our lives and our churches with your peace. Lead us to be bearers of your love to our neighbors and to the world. Fill us with trust and hope so that we may live as your children, caring and loving all your creation.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise – Let Justice Flow Like Streams ELW #717

Prayer of the Day

A: Almighty and ever-living God,

C: you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85

¹ Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

³ You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.

⁵ Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶ Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

¹² The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³ Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

Second Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when

you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’

⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish?

¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

Message – Tim Leitner, SAM

Hymn of the Day – Give Me Jesus – ELW #770

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A: O God, you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct by the light of that Spirit, all those elected to serve as voting members at the upcoming churchwide assembly, including those from our synod: *Bishop Greg, Molly, Chris, Pastor Jon, Victor, Sundae, Bella, David, and Pastor Julia*; that they may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace. Give them safe travel. Give them wisdom as they discern who you are calling to serve in positions of leadership and how you are calling our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to move boldly forward in living out the mission of Christ for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. (*We pray especially for...*) Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Offering

Offertory Hymn – Create in Me a Clean Heart – ELW #186

Offertory Prayer

A: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

C: Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

L: Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

C: Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing

L: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – My Life Flows On in Endless Song – ELW #763

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude