



JULY 26, 2026
10:00AM

WELCOME!



Opening Song Lutheran Service Book 700 Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**
Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie (*A prayer asking for the Lord's mercy and help*)

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sharing in the Peace

(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

[A] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. 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, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, 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 gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

John Richardson

Sermon Hymn LSB 543 What Wondrous Love is This (verses 1,3,4)

Prayer of the Church

Offering - Pilgrim's Progress, by Dick & Melodie Tunney

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

Hear us as we pray and as He taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution

Communion Hymn Brown Hymnal #8 Be Thou My Vision

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Song - LSB 694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions. 1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8) 2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15) 3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10) 4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

Vacation Bible School: will be held this week under the theme of *Tropical Trek*. The Bible stories, music, crafts and games will all point to Jesus who comes to seek and to save the lost. Registration for children and for volunteers can still be done through the church website (oslalbany.org). All are invited to the VBS Closing Celebration on Thursday, beginning at 6 p.m. where children will share the songs and stories learned during the week. This provides an opportunity to connect with parents of children participating in VBS, and encourage these families to continue their journey with Jesus. In addition to your prayer support, consider providing financial support for our Vacation Bible School. Designate VBS on your contribution envelope.

Sunday morning Bible Class: All are encouraged to come to Bible Class at 9 a.m. this Sunday, as Brian Dollard will lead a discussion following a RightNow Media presentation by Max Lucado entitled *Tame Your Thoughts*. In this presentation, Max will share three tools designed to renew your mind and transform your life. This Bible study will be presented over the next three Sundays. Come and grow.

LERT Training. Our Savior's is serving as a training sites for LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Team). These teams are trained to serve in disaster sites, providing support, care and restoration. Training sessions at Our Savior's are scheduled for August 6, 6-9 p.m. and chain saw training on August 7, 5:30-9:30 p.m. (classroom) and, August 8, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (fieldwork) Contact Pastor Mark if you are interested in participating in LERT training

Ministry Support Opportunity for Spiritual Awakening Ministry (S.A.M.) at Conifer Park. Do you have new or gently used Women's or Men's clothing you'd like to donate? Our Savior's will accept donations on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please bring clothing to the church, and it will be delivered to Conifer Park. The need is great. Many of the residents arrive with very little clothing. This is a great opportunity to remove from your closets/dressers/storage those items of clothing that no longer fit or you just no longer wear. You might also support a favorite thrift store by purchasing clothing or good shoes to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Dollard (518/888-2930) or brianjdollard2@gmail.com

Pastor Mark Chaffee's office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or email: mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com

PRAYER NEEDS

Healing: Fred Dignon, Klara Gogolla, Kathy Hawley, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Jim Ryan, Eric Unright, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf

Homebound: Inge Glidden, Joan & Walter Weis

in Assisted Living: Marga Hildenbrandt, Al & Helen Walck .

Prayer for Vacation Bible School Thanksgiving for the all the children and volunteers involved in this summer's VBS. May they encounter Jesus, experience His overwhelming love for them and readily share that love with their families and friends. .

Prayer for SonRise Lutheran Church, Pottersville Give thanks for this northernmost church in the Atlantic District under the faithful leadership of Pastor Bruce Rudolph. May many summer visitors be drawn to SonRise and to the light that Jesus, the Son of God, shines on His people.

SERVERS

Worship Leader: Heather Baird

Greeters: Cheryl Pangburn & Eileen Wheeler

Reader: Cathy Kilpatrick

Communion: Travis & Melissa Coon

Pray-ers: Sharon Swint & Toni Cramer

Ushers: Matt Hans, Clarence Ballou

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (2 August 2026)

Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-5 (6-13), Matthew 14:13-21

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

By the Gospel of "*the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever*" (Rom. 9:5), we are "*the children of God*" (Rom. 9:8), "*not because of works but because of him who calls*" (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, "*listen diligently*" and "*hear, that your soul may live.*" By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made "*an everlasting covenant*" for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him "*and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food*" (Is. 55:2-3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, "*said a blessing,*" broke the loaves, "*and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds*" (Matt. 14:18-19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as "*they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,*" there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).