



August 2, 2026

10:00AM



Opening Song LSB 802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Invocation

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 55:1–5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has 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 labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 136:1–9

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
²Give thanks to the | God of gods,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
³Give thanks to the | Lord of lords,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
⁴to him who alone does great | wonders,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
⁵to him who by understanding made the | heavens,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
⁶to him who spread out the earth above the | waters,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
⁷to him who made the | great lights,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
⁸the sun to rule o- | ver the day,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
⁹the moon and stars to rule o- | ver the night,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

Epistle

Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit – ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad – in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call – ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate 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 on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Pastor Mark Chaffee

Prayer of the Church

Offering -

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

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 Lutheran Service Book #684 Come Unto Me, Ye Weary
 Lutheran Service Book #686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 Lutheran Service Book #729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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)

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.

Midweek Service. A Worship Service with communion will be held this coming Wednesday, August 5, beginning at 11 a.m. Brian Dollard will share the message. All are invited to gather for worship and stay for the luncheon following the service. Invite others to join you.

Take, Read, Share: Check out the library cart in the breezeway with a variety of books available to take, read, keep, share or return. Top shelf selections include books by Billy Graham and members of his family, books by Corrie Ten Boom, and books by Chuck Swindoll. There are a variety of other books on the lower shelves of the cart. Help yourself and read for your enjoyment and edification.

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 for LERT Training sessions that will be held at Our Savior's this coming week. Thank God for those volunteering to serve as emergency responders and for those who will be training these volunteers.

PRAYER NEEDS

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

Homebound: Inge Glidden, Joan & Walter Weis

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

SERVERS

Organist: Pam Reynolds

Contemporary Worship: Murielle Smith

Greeters: Linda Schmit

Reader: Tom Aery

Communion: Marlow & Ellyne Olson

Pray-ers: Brian & Lori Dollard

Ushers: Paul Gansle & Bud Hoffman

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(9 August 2026)

Job 38:4-18, Romans 10:5-17, Matthew 14:22-33

Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Lord who *"laid the foundation of the earth"* (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has *"entered into the springs of the sea"* and *"walked in the recesses of the deep"* (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been *"a long way from the land, beaten by the waves"* and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, *"Do not be afraid,"* and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"* (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard *"through the word of Christ"* (Rom. 10:17). *"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"* (Rom. 10:8).

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