



What kind of soil are you?

“But as for what was sown on good soil,
this is the one who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and yields,
in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Matthew 13.23

July 12, 2026
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Our Savior's Lutheran Church



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*A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Welcome to Worship!

We're glad that you are here
as part of worship!

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
welcomes all!**

We gather for worship called by
God's Spirit from many places of
compass and heart. We bring stories of
where God has met and sustained us
along the way. We bring questions and
yearnings to see God's presence more
fully in our world. We are brought



together by a God
who knows us as
Creator, and who
gathers us as only a
Good Shepherd
can—to lead us into
what it means to be
God's people here
in this place.

As God's people, we
are continually

learning what it means to be truly
encouraging and supportive to all. We
are committed to care for, to love, to
understand, and to listen to each other,
regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual
orientation, gender identity, physical
or mental ability, social or economic
status. To all we extend a heartfelt
invitation to join us on this journey, as
partners in the full life and ministry of
Christ the Servant.

The Bible reminds us to “*remember
the Sabbath day*”. We remember that
“*This is the Lord's day*”, and as we
gather to worship the God who
deserves our praise, the Lord will do
for us what the Lord does: feed us,
forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at
all the wonderful things God is doing.

We hope that you will feel at home!

We hope you feel Christ's welcome
in our service, and hope to see you
again soon.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

** Stand as you are able.*

July 12, 2026

Introduction

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

PRELUDE, WORDS TO THE DAY, FINAL PRELUDE

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.
- P** Compassionate God,
- C** **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,
- C** Amen.
- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

" What is this Place?"

(ELW 524)



1 What is this place where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

***GREETING**

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

G And also with you.

***KYRIE**

(ELW 157)

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

(ELW 167)

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

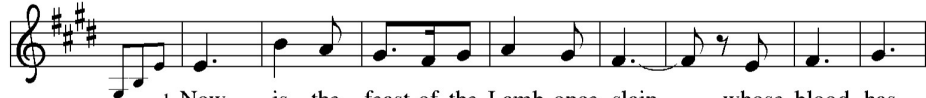


sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



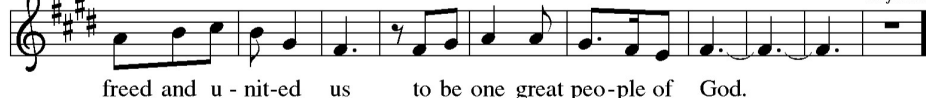
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us Pray.

C **Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

- ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A Word of God, word of Life. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 65: 1--13

- ¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.
² **To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**
³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!**
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness
of your temple.

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power;**
you are girded about with might.

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;**
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river
of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;**
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,**
and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves
with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish
what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways.
The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the
promise of resurrected life.*

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law
of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For
God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son
in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that
the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the
flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds
on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the
things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit
is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does
not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please
God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW Setting 8

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

*** The Gospel According to Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

☐ Glory to you, O Lord.

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!" ¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the word of the Lord **C** Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

*** HYMN OF THE DAY “ Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil.” (ELW 512)**

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

* CREED

C 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 THE CHURCH

- P** Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

W&P 26

I cast all my cares up-on you; I lay all of my
bur - dens down at your feet. And an - y - time that I don't know
what to do, I will cast all my cares up-on you.

P God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. God of grace,

C Refrain

P God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace,

C Refrain

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The peace of Christ of Jesus be with you always.

C And also with you.

The sharing of God's peace with each other.

OFFERING AND * OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat

(ELW 465)

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Detailed description: The musical notation is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is the 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were'. The second staff continues the melody with 'gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from'. The third staff concludes the first phrase with 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.' The fourth staff introduces two verses: '1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,' and '2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when'. The fifth staff is another 'Refrain' with the lyrics 'may we share the pres - ence of your love. all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.'

* OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray.
- C** 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

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.

And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to give
our thanks and praise.

* PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The Feast and Celebration

Introduction when preface is spoken.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your
name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!
high - est!

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

- ☐** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save
us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- ☐** Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

LAMB OF GOD

Now the Feast and Celebration

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

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

- ☐** May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep
you in His grace.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

- ☐** Let us pray.
- ☐** 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 AND SENDING



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

Amen. Amen. Amen. (Sung)

* SENDING HYMN

“ Sent Forth By God’s Blessing “

(ELW 547)

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,
the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—
The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed,
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,
the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.
The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing
to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

*DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Gatherings this Week:

Sunday July 12	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Human Concerns
Monday July 13	9:15	Offering Counters
	7:00	Property and Finance (p.m.)
Wednesday July 15	7:30	Men's Text Study at 4-B's (a.m.)
Sunday July 19	10:00	Worship

**Choir Coming Soon:
New Generation Singers
Lift Your Eyes
July 29th 2026
7:00 pm**

**Thank you
Jim Carlson, LMA
for leading worship today.
We appreciate you
very much!**

SERVING JULY 12

Usher: Jan Dahle
Greeter: Bonnie Knight
Reader: Renee Lance
Altar Guild: Helen Beckley & Tina Price
Fellowship: Emil & Sandra Vanni
Offer. Coll.: Robin Sainsbury
Counters: Tina Price & Sue Dickenson
Pianist : Michelle Payton
Cantor: Natalie Faltin
Worship: Jim Carlson, LMA

SERVING JULY 19

Usher: Robin Sainsbury
Greeter: Judy Ludtke
Reader: Volunteer or Pastor
Altar Guild: Helen Beckley & Tina Price
Fellowship: Emil and Sandra Vanni
Offer. Coll.: Robin Sainsbury
Counters: Tina Price & Sue Dickenson
Pianist : Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Worship: Jodie Tooley, LMA