



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
July 19, 2026: 9:30 am

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“We believe God is calling us to invite people into a deeper relationship with Christ, that they may discover true peace and be prepared to follow Him in compassionate service”

GATHERING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

"Choose This Day" Arden Norum

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING SONG "Song of Praise" *Chicago Folk Service*

Glory be to God on high, praise to you most holy!

O Lord God, Heav'nly King, God the Father almighty!

O Lord God, Lamb of God, only son of the Father:

Christ who takes away our sin, have mercy upon us.

For you only Lord, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

Are the most high in the glory of God the Father,

Glory be to God on high! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The pastor offers a prayer.

The congregation may be seated.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:17

L: A reading from Exodus:

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM The Ninth and Tenth Commandments

L: The Ninth Commandment

You are not to covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not try to trick our neighbors out of their inheritance or property or try to get it for ourselves by claiming to have a legal right to it and the like, but instead be of help and service to them in keeping what is theirs.

The Tenth Commandment

You are not to covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, cattle, or whatever is his.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not entice, force, or steal away from our neighbors their spouses, household workers, or livestock, but instead urge them to stay and fulfill their responsibilities to our neighbors

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL WELCOME *Chicago Folk Service*

Refrain

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth!

Al-le-lu-le, Alleluia!

Play music to praise his name!

Al-le-lu-le, Alleluia!

Verse (band)

Our passover lamb is Christ,

Who banished the Angel of Death.

Refrain

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-40 *New Jerusalem Bible*

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to put him to the test, one of them put a further question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?'

Jesus said to him, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets too.'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON "Heart Condition" Pastor David Fleener

The congregation may stand.

SONG OF THE DAY "In Christ Alone" Keith Getty

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:

A: God of grace

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The congregation may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering baskets will be passed. If you prefer to give digitally, you can scan the QR code to give. White cards to place in the plate are available in the guest pad for those who give digitally.



MUSICAL OFFERING "Build My Life" Pat Barrett

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: 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.

C: Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Chicago Folk Service*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
They kingdom come, thy will be done, hallowed by thy name.
On earth as it is in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Give us this day our daily bread, hallowed be thy name.
And forgive us our trespasses, hallowed be thy name.
As we forgive those who trespass against us, hallowed be thy name.
Lead us not into temptation, hallowed be thy name.
But deliver us from evil, hallowed be thy name.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, hallowed be thy name.
And the glory forever and ever, hallowed be thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowed be thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowed be thy name.

COMMUNION INVITATION

P: Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

The congregation may be seated

LAMB OF GOD *Chicago Folk Service*

Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us your peace.

COMMUNION SONG

"Remembrance (The Communion Song)" Matt Maher

Verse 1

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery
Say take this bread take this wine
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive

Pre-Chorus

By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful

Chorus

Lord we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation
(We respond to Your invitation)
We remember You

Verse 2

See His body His blood
Know that He has overcome
Ev'ry trial we will face
And none too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place

Pre-Chorus**Chorus****Bridge**

Dying You destroyed our death
Rising You restored our life
Lord Jesus come in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory

Chorus

The congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION "Blessing" *Chicago Folk Service*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with you, too.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you. And give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING

SENDING SONG "Simeon's Song" *Chicago Folk*

Lord, now send your servant forth in peace according to your word.
Here we have seen your saving work done in the sight of all human-kind.

To those in darkness a promise bright, to believers a living hope.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,
World without end. Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Choose This Day"

SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Week of July 19, 2026

Church Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Welcome to our Shalom gathering! All God's children are welcome here, especially our guests, whoever you are or wherever you come from. We invite you to sign the guest pad in your row and hope you'll join us for refreshments after worship in the Community Room. If you have any questions about Shalom or how we worship, please ask our greeters and ushers (wearing name tags). You may also ask Pastor David. If you can't catch him after worship, you may call the office at (320) 762-8461 or email him at pastor@shalomlutheran.org.

COMMUNION: Lutherans believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. All baptized Christians who trust these words of promise are welcome to receive today. Children under the guidance of their parents or caregivers may also receive. Those who do not receive may come forward with arms crossed over their chest for a blessing. To receive communion, come forward to receive the bread from the pastor. Gluten-free bread is also available in small plastic containers by the individual communion cups. You may take a cup from the tray by the pastor, then move to either the wine or grape juice chalice. The wine chalice is first, the grape juice chalice is second. Wine or grape juice will be poured into your cup. Place used cups in the baskets. Those who cannot come forward for communion are asked to inform the ushers so that communion may be brought to them.

HOSPITALITY servers for July 26 are John & Vic Dale, Joann Garland, Jenny Johnson.

SEATING: As part of our commitment to being a welcoming church, the back row of each section will be reserved for guests and families with young children. Thank you for helping us keep those seats available.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE is seeking new members. They meet the second Thursday of the month at 5 PM for an hour. Please contact the office if you wish to join this group.

JUNE 2026 SLC DIRECTORY: The June 2026 Church Directory is now available! To help conserve paper and printing costs, we've printed a limited number of copies. You can pick one up from the Information Desk on Sundays or stop by the church office during the week. If copies have run out, simply add your name to the request sheet, and we'll be happy to print additional directories as needed.

Help us keep our church family directory current! If you'd like to add or update your family photo in SLC's private, online, password protected, photo directory, please email your photo along with updated family information, to the church office.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*John & Carrie Carlberg, *Bob Hildebrandt, *Dave & Mary Owen, *Gerry Kingsberg, *Delores Martin, *Evie Raguse, *Charles & Jeanne Tanksley, Teri Market, *Jeanette Priebe, *Bonnie Anderson, *Dave Burbank, Joan Searles (Pastor David's aunt), *Skeeter Kingsberg, Ben DeLong (brother of Chrissy Oachs), *LaTelle Bailey, *Kim Casavan, Amy Schlosser & family, JP Phelps (nephew of John & Nola Smith), *Roy Kramer, Brian (Son-in-Law of Dave & Barb Beyer). **Shalom member*

June/26 Activity

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Surpl/</u> <u>(Deficit)</u>	
\$ 36,181	\$ 39,532	\$ (3,351)	Building Fund
\$ 136,761	\$ 148,193	\$ (11,432)	General Fund

The annual General/Bldg Funds budget was approved showing offerings equal to congregation approved expenses. Current General/Bldg fund cash balance is \$113,096.

Shared Ministry

<u>Shared Ministry</u>	<u>07-19-26</u>	<u>07-26-26</u>
Acolyte		
Assisting Minister	Nola S	Sharon H
Communion Assist	Carol H	Dean K
Communion Assist	Corrine I	Catherine K
Greeters	Judy R	Corey D
Greeters	Liz N	Tammy D
Lector	John S	Sarah F
Musicians	SOS Band	Kim/Brian C
Proclaim/FB Live	CJ/Kim/Julie	CJ/Kim/Julie
Ushers	Sue E	Sherri E
Ushers	Todd Z	Renae H
Counters	Cheryl B	Vic D
Counters	Arvin P	Charmine M

THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

Sunday	07-19	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality
Monday	07-20	8-12 5:30 pm	Office Closed Church Council
Tuesday	07-21	7:30 am 5:00 pm	Ground of Grace Text Study at Com- mon Ground Gospel of Uke
Thursday	07-23	8:00-9:45 am 10:00-11:00 am 1:00 pm	Shalom Piecemakers Bible Study Retired Pastors
Sunday	07-26	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality