



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

Our ACTS of Worship

**for
July 26, A.D. 2026
9th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM**

Our Mission

*“Responding to God’s love, Lutheran Church of Our Savior desires
to reach more people for Christ by proclaiming Him,
by growing in faith, and by caring for all people.”*

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+ OUR A-C-T-S OF WORSHIP TODAY +

Adoration – Confession V Thanksgiving - Supplication
AND HEARING GOD’S WORD FOR US

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS / INTRODUCTION

ADORATION

*(Contemplation on God’s Grace in choosing us to receive and share his love,
And Thoughtful Praise for this)!*

Stand

TRINITARIAN INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: And all that is within me, bless His Holy Name!

OPENING HYMN STANZA

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

686:1

Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,

Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

A REASON FOR ADORATION

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

The Appointed Old Testament Reading for Today

Introduction

⁶“For 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.⁹ Know 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

WHAT JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES (AND US) Paraphrased from John 15

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure By this by Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. . . . So this is my command to you: that as I have loved you, you are to love one another. And by this all people will know that you are my disciples, by the love you show for each other.

SHARING OF THE PEACE (Or of God's Love)

A FITTING SONG

“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

Softly by Team Oh, how He loves you and me; Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life what more could He give?
Oh how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me.

Then Sung by All Oh, how He loves you and me; Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life what more could He give?
Oh how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me.

Sit

THE APPOINTED EPISTLE FOR TODAY

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect (those whom God has chosen)? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? [No one! For] Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

A FITTING HYMN

I Will Glory in the Cross

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1. Once on a lonely hill of grief and woe
There hung a Man who suffered here below
On a tree, where for me, He willed His blood to flow
And I will glory in the cross

2. Such pain and scorn no one has ever known
The rightful King denied His rightful throne
Hidden then, even in His weakness, glory shone
And I will glory in the cross

CHORUS: What joy to wear the burden of that tree
And find my suffering in it redeemed
When I lose, ever clearer Christ I see And I will glory in the cross

3. I see my hardship with the cross in view
Grateful to suffer since my Lord did too
Every pain for His name, an honor to go through
And I will glory in the cross (**CHORUS**)

4. When I am weak, I know that He is strong
When overwhelmed, I know I still belong
Out of breath, nothing left, can't sing another song
Still I will glory in the cross Still I will glory in the cross (**CHORUS**)

When I lose, ever clearer Christ I see
And I will glory in the cross.

CONFESSION

(Confession of Our Faith & Our Sin, and Announcement of God's Forgiveness)!

Stand

APOSTOLIC CREED

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: With this faith, we can make an honest confession, and pray for the forgiveness of sin that we need at this time. Let us be seated, bowing before the Lord.
Gracious Heavenly Father,

ALL: We admit and confess our sinfulness.

We have not lived up to our calling as Your ambassadors and agents in this world. Too often we have done or condoned the evil You forbid, and too many times have not done the good You require.

We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins, in thought, word, and deed.

For Jesus' sake, Forgive us Heavenly Father.

And by the power of the Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with faith, hope and love, that we may not grow weary in well-doing, but may joyfully bear witness to your grace with words and actions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: *(Announces God's Forgiveness)*

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

(Scripture Readings and Message)

OLD TESTAMENT SELECTION

Jeremiah 29:4-7, 10-14, (& 28)

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ “Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry, and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” . . .

¹⁰ This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for your welfare and not for evil, plans to give you hope and a future.

¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” declares the Lord. ¹³ “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ “I will be found by you and will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

(Summary: ²⁸ He has sent this message to us in Babylon: “It will be a long time. Therefore, build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce).”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew, the 13th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

⁴⁴ “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, ⁴⁶ who, 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. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and 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.” ⁵² And 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

1. In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2. Since He is ours, We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

Sit

THE MESSAGE To Wait Patiently, “Well-Doing” & Rejoicing

or

*“I’d Rather Whistle While I’m Working,
Than Wither While I’m Waiting”*

Pastor Oliver

Romans 8:25, Galatians 6:9-10, Philippians 4:4-5, John 15:10-12, Etc.

THANKSGIVING

(For all Gods gifts, temporal and eternal, Expressed with offerings, prayer and song)

INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Now let us give thanks to the Lord for all that He has done for us.

People: For the Lord is good, and his mercy endures forever.

Pastor: And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency, in all things, at all times, you may abound in all good work.

TITHES & THANK-OFFERINGS

With Instrumental Offering

Stand

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS / PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We bring these offerings to Your Altar, O God, in thanksgiving for all that You give us - both physical and spiritual, both temporal and eternal - and for your answers to prayer, and all your unfailing promises.

(A Silence for individual prayers of thanksgiving)

Pastor: Now we lift up our hearts in gratitude for the world in which we live, created by the power of Your Word, Almighty God, and for the light in our eyes, the music in our ears, and the air that we breathe, for the sunshine and rain, and for all the plants and the animals You created, and the benefits we get from them. For all these gifts:

People: We give You thanks, O God!

Pastor: For the bodies and minds you have given us, for parents, teachers and guides, and for the ability to think, remember, learn and grow; for the healing capacity of the body, for doctors, nurses, therapists and all medical professionals, and for people who may risk their lives for our protection – local law officers, firefighters, and those in the armed services. For all these gifts:

People: We give You thanks, O God

Pastor: For the gifts of love and friendship, for marriage and romance, for children, play and laughter, for every happy moment, for renewal after sorrow, for all the years You give us, and for each person in our lives who brings us joy, or comfort, or reminders of Your love. For all these gifts:

People: We give You thanks, O God!

Pastor: For our family and loved ones, for all our neighbors and friends, for this community and the beautiful land we live in, for our jobs, retirements and income, the good clothes on our backs and in our closets, for the clean water from our spigots, and for tables overflowing with tasty and nutritious food. For all these gifts:

People: We give You thanks, O God!

Pastor: For our church home and family, and this house of worship where we hear Your word, and can encourage one another, and stir one another up to love and good works, and be empowered by your love and forgiveness. For all these gifts:

People: We give You thanks, O God! Amen!

Remain standing

TRANSITIONAL HYMN - From Thanksgiving to Supplication

Fruitful Trees, The Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691

(Sung to the tune, "Rathbun," LSB 427, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory")

- 1** Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.
- 2** Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.
- 3** Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.
- 4** Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

SUPPLICATION

*You may remain standing **OR** be seated and bowing, as if kneeling for prayer*

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS and OURSELVES

Each Petition Concluding

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

We Pray "for kings and all in authority" ... for peace & shared prosperity ...

We Pray for the spread of the Gospel, open hearts, and the salvation of all,
including particularly our own loved ones.

We pray for the homeless and hungry, and for good medical care for all people.

We pray for our own strength and growth in Christian faith and discipleship⁹,
And for “listening to Him”.

We commend these and all things into God’s care, and pray together as Jesus taught.

LORD’S PRAYER - *by All*

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.

Stand

BENEDICTION

Pastor: *The grace of our Lord . . . be yours now and always*

ALL: **AMEN!**

PARTING HYMN

Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go

(Sung to the tune, Winchester New, LSB 441, “Ride On, Ride On”)

- 1 Forth in Your name, O Lord, I go,
 My daily labor to pursue,
 You only You, resolved to know
 In all I think or speak or do.
- 2 The task Your wisdom has assigned
 O let me cheerfully fulfill;
 In all my works Your presence find
 And prove Your good and perfect will.
- 3 You may I find at my right hand,
 Whose eyes see truly what I do,
 And labor on at Your command
 And offer all my works to you.

- 4 Give me to bear Your easy yoke
 And ev'ry moment watch and pray
 And still to things eternal look
 And hasten to Your glorious day.
- 5 For You I joyously employ
 Whatever You in grace have giv'n;
 I run my course with even joy,
 I closely walk with You to heav'n.

Worship Assistants	10:00 AM
Greeter	Andrew Foley
Acolyte	Piper Chaney
Elder	Rudy Stowell
Usher	Diana Brown
Lesson Reader	Debbie Heuchert
Keyboard/Bass	Erika Miller/Tom Heuchert
Media	Estelle Schofield
Altar Guild	Lori Williamson