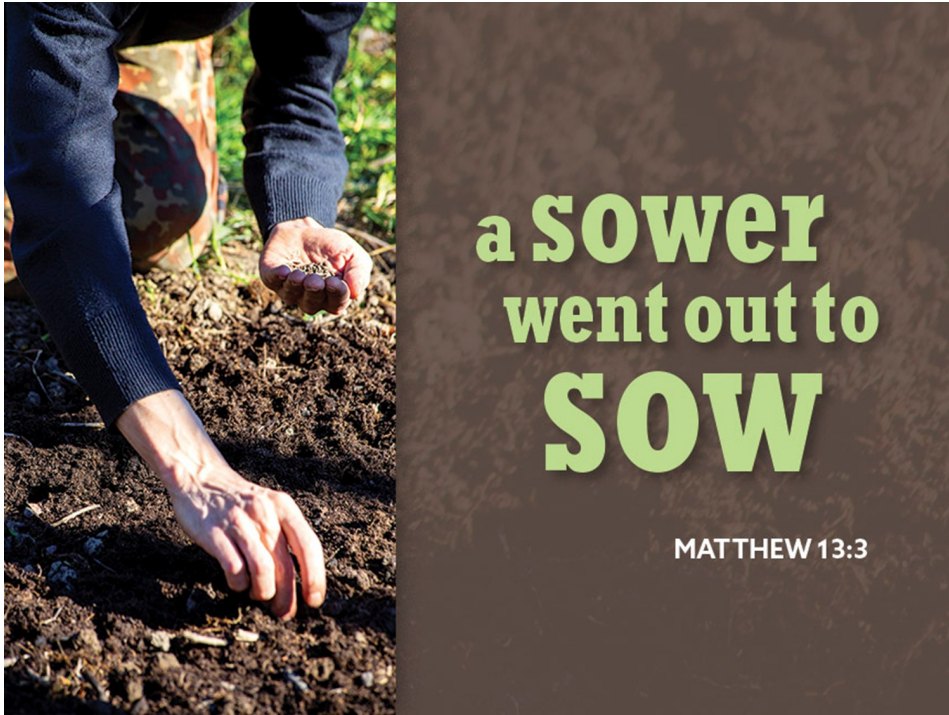


Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...

Encountering God, Loving One Another,
& Reaching the World.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026



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.

Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

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, Amen.

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN - IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone, my hope 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

Oh---Oh---Oh
Oh---Oh---Oh
Oh---Oh---Oh
Oh---Oh---Oh

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth on 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

Oh---Oh---Oh
Oh---Oh---Oh
Oh---Oh---Oh
Oh---Oh---Oh

No guilt in live, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry, to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand!
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Oh---Oh---Oh
Oh---Oh---Oh
In Christ A – lone
Oh---Oh---Oh

I find my strength, I find my hope
I find my help, in Christ alone
When fear assails, when darkness falls
I find my peace, in Christ alone

I give my life, I give my all
I sing this song, to Christ alone.
The King of kings, the Lord of all
All Heaven sings, to Christ alone
Christ alone, Christ alone

'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand
Here in the power of Christ we stand

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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 ¹ 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

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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

The Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Jon

HYMN OF THE DAY - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN - AMAZING GRACE

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

OFFERING PRAYER

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN - TO THE TABLE

- 1 Hear the voice of love that's calling
There's a chair that waits for you
And a friend who understands
Everything you're going through
- 2 But you keep standing at a distance
In the shadows of your shame
But there's a light of hope that's shining
Won't you come and take your place

And bring it all to the table
It's nothing He ain't seen before
For all your sin all your sorrow and your sadness
There's a Savior and he calls bring it all to the table
- 3 He can see the weight you carry
The fears that hold your heart

But through the cross you've been forgiven
You're accepted as you are

So bring it all to the table
It's nothing He ain't seen before
For all your trials all your worries and your burdens
There's a Savior and He calls bring it all to the table

Interlude

Bring it all ---- Bring it all -----

Come on in take your place
There's no one who's turned away
All you sinners all you saints
Come right in and find your grace (2x)

And bring it all to the table
It's nothing he ain't seen before
For all you sin all your sorrow and your sadness
There's a Savior and He calls bring it all to the table

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION TRIP SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN - THE LION AND THE LAMB

He's coming on the clouds, Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain

For the sin of the world his blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

Oh every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Oh-oh-oh, oh-oh-oh-oh-oh

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings
Our God who calls the saved is here to set the captives free
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains and every knee will bow before
The Lion and the Lamb, Oh every knee will bow before
The Lion and the Lamb, Oh-oh-oh, oh-oh-oh-oh-oh

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Oh, who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Oh, who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord?

Our God is the Lion the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain

For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Oh every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Oh-oh-oh, oh-oh-oh-oh-oh

And every knee will bow Before the Lion and the Lamb
(Oh-oh-oh, oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
And every knee will bow Before the Lion and the Lamb

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Statistics

The attendance on Outdoor Worship Sunday, July 5 was 59 (no online worship). This week's offerings to General Fund: \$2536, Received online: \$1598.63

UPCOMING DATES:

July 18-25 El Paso Mission Trip
August 4 Night to Unite
August 6 Blood Drive
August 10-16 Vadnais Heights Days
August 16 Worship in the Park (Koehler Meadows)
August 23 Bp. Justin Grimm preaching

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: Sunday, July 12 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM - Worship
10:30 AM - Fellowship

Monday, July 13

9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery
12:00 PM - Piecemakers (FH)
5:30 PM - Evergreen Ponds HOA
6:30 PM - Transition Team Meeting (Class A)

Tuesday, July 14

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)
8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)
6:30 PM - AA (FH)

Wednesday, July 15

10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)
6:00 PM - Youth
7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

Thursday, July 16

6:00 PM - Church Council Meeting

Friday, July 17

9:00 AM - Piecemakers

Saturday, July 18

EL Paso Mission Trip
8:30 AM - Men's Breakfast (FH)
9:00 AM - Project Day (K/FH)
11:00 AM - Revelation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)

Sunday, July 19 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM - Worship
10:30 AM - Fellowship
10:30 AM - Care of Creation Team

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Katie Wright
Ushers: The Johnson Family
Reader: Gaye Lindfors
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Jayson, Tony
Communion Assistants: OPEN
Musicians: Revelation
Coffee Servers: Judy Zielinski & Lisa Johnson Egbert
Bread Pickup: Gary Splittstoesser
Counters: Linda Wigdahl & Sue Woehrl

PRAYER REQUESTS...

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:

Dale, Mark (Joan's son), Margie P., Nita L., Crystal (daughter in law of Linda S.) Sarah K., Carol W., Mark (brother of Sarah K.) Michelle, (Sister of Linda W.), Mary-Kay L., Laiden S., Sharon G., Brian I, Steve, Paul S., Roger K., Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter), Patty W. (sister of Mike W.) , Greg and Pam, Greg was recently diagnosed with cancer (sister/brother in-law of Dawn N.) Jerry, injury in a fall (brother of Linda W.), Mary J., Clarice, Mark, Kurt S., Jean A., Joan W., Cortni, Jayden & family, family of Margie P.

(Please call the church office with prayer concerns or updates.)

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