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Welcome to Worship

Parable of the Weeds

July 18 - 19, 2026, 5:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. Words are projected on the screen.
Unless noted otherwise, the page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal.

• Participation Guide: P = Pastor, L = Worship Leader, **C** = **Congregation**

Prelude (5:00)

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
Cam Green, piano

arr. Ifen Chuang

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" Arranged
by Ifen Chuang © 2025 Ifen's Music.

(9:00)

Jesus, the Very Thought of You
Nicholas Davis, organ

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

"Jesus, the Very Thought of You" John Dykes (ST. AGNES), arr.
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(11:00)

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Nicholas Davis, piano

arr. Cindy Berry

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," Katholishes Gesangbuch,
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Tolling of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

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.
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,
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.

Children's Message (9:00, 11:00)

Gathering Song

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed.

Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

- 3 Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

"Praise and Thanksgiving" Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt.;
Music Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version. Text © Oxford University Press arr., © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Invocation

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

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

setting 8, ELW p. 184

C: **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

L: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

C: **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

L: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

C: **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

C: **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

C: **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

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Larry Olsen "Kyrie Eleison" © Dakota Road Music

Prayer of the Day

P: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit, nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

NRSVue

- ⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;

let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

setting 8, ELW p. 188

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.

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The Holy Gospel

P: The gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 12:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Message (5:00)

Pastor Brian Wise

(9:00, 11:00)

Pastor Mike Brayburn

Hymn of the Day (5:00, 9:00)

Build a Longer Table

ACS 1062

- 1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.

Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

- 2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.
- 3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.
- 4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

"Build a Longer Table" Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984. Music: French
carol. Text © 2018 GIA Publications.

(11:00)

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

"As the Grains of Wheat" Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931.
Music: Carlton R. Young, b. 1926. © 1996 Hope Publishing Co.

Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 105)

L: Please join me in professing our faith with the words of the Apostles' 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 into hell. 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 People

L: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

L: May the peace of Christ be with you always!

C: And also with you.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering Invitation

Music Offering

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Herman Thomas, soloist

Thomas Dorsey

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Thomas Dorsey © 1938
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Offertory (5:00, 9:00)

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

"Give Thanks" Henry Smith © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music..

Offering Prayer.

THE MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (responsively)

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.

All sing

Holy, Holy, Holy

setting 8, ELW p. 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

All are invited to come forward to receive the holy gifts. Those not receiving may come forward for a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need to receive communion at your seat. When present, a prayer minister wearing a cross is located at the back of the worship space.

Distribution (5:00, 9:00)

Lamb of God

setting 8, ELW p. 191

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,
Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 676

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

"For the Fruit of All Creation" Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000;
Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.
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Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT

God Works! Responsive Sending

- P: People of God, we are sent into the world...
- C: To celebrate how God works in the Word, in us, and in the world around us.**
- P: From the very beginning, God has been telling a story of grace and hope...
- C: And through Christ, that story continues in us today.**
- P: God works in the Word...
- C: Gathering us in worship, proclaiming Good News, and turning our hearts toward God and one another.**
- P: God works in us...
- C: Calling us in baptism to love our neighbors and live the Gospel with courage and compassion.**
- P: God works in the world...
- C: Moving beyond these walls in places of healing, justice, mercy, and hope.**
- P: So go now with faith in God whose work is not finished...
- C: To love boldly, to serve joyfully, and to 'Know Jesus, and Make Jesus Known'.**

Blessing

- P: May Almighty God, Creator, Sustainer, and Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.**

Sending Song

Go To the World

ELW 547

- 1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
- 2 Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

- 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.

"Go to the World" Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993; Music:
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958. Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

Dismissal

L: *Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

Postlude (5:00)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Cam Green, piano

Martin Luther

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Martin Luther
© 1991 Hal Leonard.

(9:00)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
Nicholas Davis, organ

arr. Marianne Kim

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" arr. Marianne Kim
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(11:00)

Reprise "Go to the World"
Ensemble

Thank you to Herman Thomas, our 11 am Worship Ensemble,
and all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

This Week in Prayers:

We continue to pray for Greg Norgaard.

Pastoral Team Pastor Brian Wise, pastorbrian@oursaviours.com
Pastor Elisabeth Himmelman, pastorelisabeth@oursaviours.com
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Worship Service Opportunities

- Our Saviour's Campus, Traditional Worship, Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:00 am
Blended Sunday, 11:00 am
- Celebration Campus, Contemporary Sunday, 10:00 am

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Communion is by intinction (dipping the bread/wafer). We offer wine (red) and grape juice
(white), gluten-free at every station. If you like private prayer, please visit our prayer minister in
the back; you can find them by the cross on a red ribbon around their neck.

Interested in learning more about membership?

Membership at Our Saviour's is focused on relationships. To learn more about membership,
visit www.oursaviours.com, email membership@oursaviours.com, or contact the main office at
630-355-2522 and speak with Pastor Ben.

Upcoming Events

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the Home menu,
News & Events page of our website: <https://oursaviours.com/home/news-events>.

- Help shape the future of Wellness Ministry at OSLC by completing our 5-minute **Congregational Wellness Survey** link available on our website's News & Events page. Your input will help us listen

well, plan wisely, and support the well-being of our community. Thank you for helping us discover how *God Works* among us.

- **Summer coffee sale** - proceeds of which will help support the Dusek school in Uganda. Sales will occur before, during, and after worship on Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19, at both the Celebration and OSLC campuses.
- **Banned Books Club** - meeting to discuss *Sold* by Patricia McCormick. Moncay, July 20, in the Advent Room on the Our Saviour's Campus, from 7 - 8 pm. Please RSVP to Kelly Holden. Group meets quarterly. All are welcome.
- **Caregivers' Journey**: Friday, July 24, 9:00 am, Our Saviour's Campus, Bonhoeffer Conference Room. Share, Learn, Renew.
- **250 acts of Compassion** - July: we will be collecting toilet paper and diapers, with a goal of 250 of each item. Donations can be brought to the church and will be shared with our neighbors through Loaves & Fishes Community Services.
- **Calling all musicians**. Would you or your ensemble like to share your talents with us this summer? We are looking for special music for our summer services. If you are interested, please sign up through the SignUpGenius link. Whether you are just beginning or have been performing for years, we would love to have you share your gifts.
- Our Saviour's is looking to hire a part-time Worship Tech Coordinator.
<https://oursaviours.com/home/employment> for all the details.

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