

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota

St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles  
June 29, 2025

***At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.***

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

*Lamentations 3:22-23*

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: “By All Your Saints in Warfare”

LSB 518, *sts. 1, 19, 3*

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,  
For all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus,  
Forevermore be blest!  
For You have won the battle  
That they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory  
Reflected from Your throne.
- 19 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles (June  
29)  
We praise You for Saint Peter;  
We praise You for Saint Paul;  
They taught both Jew and Gentile  
That Christ is all in all.

- To cross and sword they yielded  
And saw Your kingdom come;  
O God, these two apostles  
Reached life through martyrdom.
- △ 3 Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow’r and glory  
And praise to God alone.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

*LSB 167*

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

## Kyrie

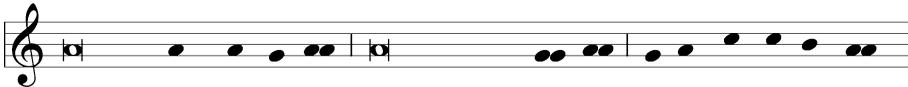
*LSB 168*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



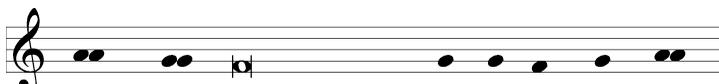
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 170*



**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## First Reading

*Acts 15:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” <sup>2</sup>And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. <sup>3</sup>So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. <sup>5</sup>But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

<sup>6</sup>The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. <sup>7</sup>And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. <sup>8</sup>And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, <sup>9</sup>and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. <sup>10</sup>Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup>But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

<sup>12</sup>And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 46*

<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,\*  
a very present help in | trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,\*  
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

<sup>3</sup>though its waters | roar and foam,\*  
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,\*  
the holy habitation of the | Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;\*  
God will help her when | morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;\*  
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is | with us;\*  
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works | of the LORD,\*  
how he has brought desolations | on the earth.  
<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;\*  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots | with fire.  
<sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that | I am God.\*  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted | in the earth!”  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is | with us;\*  
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

## Gloria Patri

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**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Epistle

*Galatians 2:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. <sup>2</sup>I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. <sup>3</sup>But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. <sup>4</sup>Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—<sup>5</sup>to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. <sup>6</sup>And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. <sup>7</sup>On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised <sup>8</sup>(for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), <sup>9</sup>and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. <sup>10</sup>Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



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

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–19

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: “Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head”

LSB 647

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s head,  
You are her one foundation;  
In You she trusts, before You bows,  
And waits for Your salvation.  
Built on this rock secure,  
Your Church shall endure  
Though all the world decay  
And all things pass away.  
O hear, O hear us, Jesus!

- 2 O Lord, let this Your little flock,  
Your name alone confessing,  
Continue in Your loving care,  
True unity possessing.  
Your sacraments, O Lord,  
And Your saving Word  
To us, Lord, pure retain.  
Grant that they may remain  
Our only strength and comfort.
- 3 Help us to serve You evermore  
With hearts both pure and lowly;  
And may Your Word, that light divine,  
Shine on in splendor holy  
That we repentance show,  
In faith ever grow;  
The pow'r of sin destroy  
And evils that annoy.  
O make us faithful Christians.
- 4 And for Your Gospel let us dare  
To sacrifice all treasure;  
Teach us to bear Your blessed cross,  
To find in You all pleasure.  
O grant us steadfastness  
In joy and distress,  
Lest we, Lord, You forsake.  
Let us by grace partake  
Of endless joy and gladness.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Apostles' 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.

## Prayer of the Church

### Offertory

LSB 176

**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 177

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al-so 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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servants Peter and Paul, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 178*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

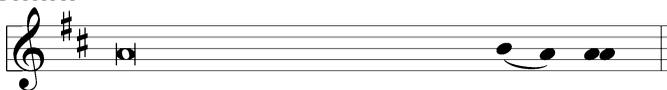
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

## Pax Domini

LSB 180



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution Hymns:

### “I Know My Faith Is Founded”

LSB 587

- 1 I know my faith is founded  
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing,  
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom  
The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom  
Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient,

It makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom,  
My faith shall rest secure.

- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure  
And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with You beside me,  
I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Your good Spirit,  
I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior,  
A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance  
To ev'ry evil foe.
- 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;  
Though persecution, grief, and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me,  
Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure,  
Lord, take me home to You,  
Your riches to inherit  
As all You said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me  
Until Your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by Your great mercy  
The end of faith attain.

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### **“Onward, Christian Soldiers”**

- 1 Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master,  
Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle  
See His banners go! Refrain

### **LSB 662**

- ref Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.

- 2 Like a mighty army  
 Moves the Church of God;  
 Brothers, we are treading  
 Where the saints have trod.  
 We are not divided,  
 All one body we,  
 One in hope and doctrine,  
 One in charity. Refrain
- 3 Crowns and thrones may perish,  
 Kingdoms rise and wane,  
 But the Church of Jesus  
 Constant will remain.  
 Gates of hell can never

'Gainst that Church prevail;  
 We have Christ's own promise,  
 And that cannot fail. Refrain

- 4 Onward, then, ye faithful,  
 Join our happy throng,  
 Blend with ours your voices  
 In the triumph song:  
 Glory, laud, and honor  
 Unto Christ, the king;  
 This through countless ages  
 Men and angels sing. Refrain

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## “O Living Bread from Heaven”

LSB 642

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,  
 How well You feed your guest!  
 The gifts that You have given  
 Have filled my heart with rest.  
 Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
 Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
 My heart, this gift possessing,  
 With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me  
 To this most holy place  
 And with Yourself have fed me  
 The treasures of Your grace;  
 For You have freely given  
 What earth could never buy,  
 The bread of life from heaven,  
 That now I shall not die.

- 3 You gave me all I wanted;  
 This food can death destroy.  
 And You have freely granted  
 The cup of endless joy.  
 My Lord, I do not merit  
 The favor You have shown,  
 And all my soul and spirit  
 Bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
 With heav'nly food, while here  
 My course on earth is lengthened,  
 To serve with holy fear.  
 And when You call my spirit  
 To leave this world below,  
 I enter, through Your merit,  
 Where joys unmingled flow.

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*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

LSB 181



☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
 joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

*LSB 183*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - - - men.

### Closing Hymn: "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

**LSB 683**

1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me  
 No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
 Unite my thankful heart to Thee,  
 And reign without a rival there!  
 Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;  
 Be Thou alone my constant flame.

- 2 O grant that nothing in my soul  
    May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;  
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,  
    My joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.
- 3 This love unwearied I pursue  
    And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.  
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,  
    Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!  
And day and night, be all my care  
To guard this sacred treasure there.
- 4 In suff'ring be Thy love my peace,  
    In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;  
And when the storms of life shall cease,  
    O Jesus, in that final hour,  
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,  
And draw me safely to Thy side!

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