

Outdoor Worship

August 30, 2026

Opening

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Praise the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

C: Those who keep the Sabbath and call it a delight shall rejoice in God's kingdom.

P: All who hallow the seventh day shall be gladdened by God's goodness.

C: This day is the festival of the spirit, sanctified and blessed by God, the most precious of days, a symbol of the joy of creation.

Gathering Hymn



Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry
I will live Lord, as you ask me,
With your Spir - it, Fath-er, fill me;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



pure and ho - ly tried and true - -
find - ing truth in your com - man - -
let me know your pres-ence he - - -
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. _____



- With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a li - ving
ds 'Gainst all e - vils and temp - ta - tions,
re. I am long - ing for your sal - va - tion.
— Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



sanc - tu - a - ry fo - r you.
as your faith - ful, I will stand.
Come, I want you to be near.
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

Greeting

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

Dialog & Prayer of the Day

P: For the beauty of the earth, Creator God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the rich abundance of the natural order, Lord,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the many ways that you provide for all creation, Sustainer,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the material things that enable our survival and provide for our comfort, gracious God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: As we strive first for the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,

C: Teach us to pursue the work of justice.

P: We live in a world that has the resources to satisfy everyone's hunger, if only we will share our food.

C: Teach us to love kindness.

P: We long to live lives characterized by reckless generosity and hospitality.

C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.

P: We commit to sharing all that you have entrusted to us with all people,

C: That in so doing, we might be transformed into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious God, as what is planted in the ground bears fruit and we are nourished and sustained by it, so make your word planted in our hearts bear fruit within us, that we and all who seek goodness, wisdom and compassion will find these blessings nurtured and sustained through all our words and actions. We pray this in the name of the true vine to whom we have been grafted in grace, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with
choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a
wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge
between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not
done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild
grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it will be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.
I will make it a waste; it will not be pruned or hoed,
and it will be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon
it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the house of Israel, and
the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

God expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 80

*Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

*You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.*

**The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;**

*it sent out its branches to the sea,
and its shoots to the River.*

**Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

*The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.*

**Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted.**

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 21

In the last few days before his death, Jesus was in the Temple being challenged by the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus responded by telling three parables. This was the second parable. Jesus says to them . . .

You all – Listen to another parable! There was a man – a Householder – who plants a vineyard, and he puts a fence around it and he digs a wine press in it, and he builds a fortified watchtower and he hands it out to Viticulturists (those skilled in cultivating the grapes, but in making the wine) and he travels abroad. But, when the critical-time of the fruits comes near he sends out his slaves to the Viticulturists to collect his fruits. And the Viticulturists collect his slaves – one they beat, one they kill – but another, they stone.

Again the Householder sends other slaves, more than the first time, and the Viticulturists did the same to them.

But later, the Householder sends his son, saying, 'They will be ashamed by my son.'

But the Viticulturists, seeing the son, say among themselves, 'He is the Inheritor. Come! We may kill him and we may take his Inheritance.'

And collecting him, they throw him out and they kill him.

Therefore, when the "Lord of the Vineyard" may come, what will he do to those Viticulturists?"

They tell him, "Those evil, he will evilly destroy and he will hand out the vineyard to other Viticulturists who *will* hand back the fruits in their critical-time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

*'The stone rejected by those building,
this one has been put in as the keystone;
this comes from the Lord, and it is amazing in our eyes!'*
[Ps 118:22]

Therefore, I tell you, that the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and will be given to a people producing the fruits of it.

And hearing this parable of his, the Chief Priests and the Pharisees know that he speaks about them. And they are seeking to seize him - afraid of the crowds because they have made him into a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Beautiful Savior*

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright in the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more the be thine!

Prayers & Passing of the Peace

Words of Institution

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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and responsible that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. We recall and proclaim that in your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who came as the Messiah, reaching out to heal the sick and suffering, preaching good news to the poor, and inviting all to your table through his sacrifice on the cross.

In that night in which he was handed over . . .

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this sacred time lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Benediction & Final Hymn

Salvation!

Tune: 521

1. Salvation! There's no better word
For what Christ does for me:
He saves me from repented sins,
From evil sets me free.

O do not let me wander, Lord,
From my appointed part
But as your own disciple, grow
Mature in mind and heart!

2. Salvation! There's no better word
For what Christ offers us:
A love that died most selflessly,
Obedient to the cross.

As servants of your Kingdom, Lord,
O never let us rest
Until your love and justice reach
The needy and oppressed!

3. Salvation! There's no better word
For all Christ came to do:
Send by the graciousness of God,
Fulfilling all that's true.
Come bring the catholic Church, O Lord,
Your wisdom, peace, and love;
To save our power-hungry world
With power from above!

Dismissal **A: Go in peace, serve the Lord!** *C: Thanks be to God!*

God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

On 9/13, come to the fellowship at 9:45 a.m. to help assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief! See the weekly emails for information on donating to this ministry!

Bible Study Tuesday @ Grace

Begins 9/8

6:30 a.m.

In-person
Fast & Bible Study

11:00 a.m.

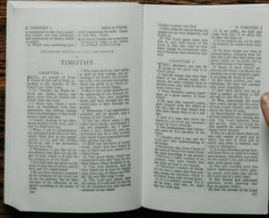
Online & In-person

3:00 p.m.

Online & In-Person

7:00 p.m.

Online



SUNDAY SCHOOL

BEGINS!



Sunday School Opening

Sunday 9/13 @ 9:45

To Learn More
To Sing
To Pray Together



CONFIRMATION

7TH & 8TH GRADES

Weekly Classes Begin

Sunday Sept 13 @ 9:45 am or

Tuesday Sept 15 @ 4:30 pm

