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"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
VBS CELEBRATION
JUNE 29, 2025

June 29, 2025
Third Sunday after Pentecost
VBS Celebration

This morning, we celebrate the time children and adult volunteers spent learning about God's friendship through Vacation Bible School. Please join in the service with a spirit of prayer and wonder.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

PRELUDE *Come to Me*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We know we haven't lived as Jesus would want us to live. Let us tell God all about us leaving nothing out. When you heard the words "hear our prayer" answer "Lord, I'm sorry!"

Loving God, we've forgotten that we are your children and that you love us. We've forgotten to trust you with all that's going on in our lives. Hear our prayer. **Lord, I'm sorry!**

Loving God, we get busy with all our activities and forget to make time for you. Hear our prayer. **Lord, I'm sorry!**

Loving God, you ask us to love as you love us. Sometimes, we don't notice when someone is hungry or needs love. Sometimes, we don't want to share our money, our stuff, or our time to serve your people. Sometimes we're unkind to our family, friends, and neighbors. Hear our prayer. **Lord, I'm sorry!**

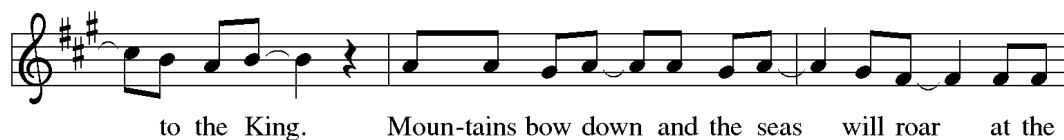
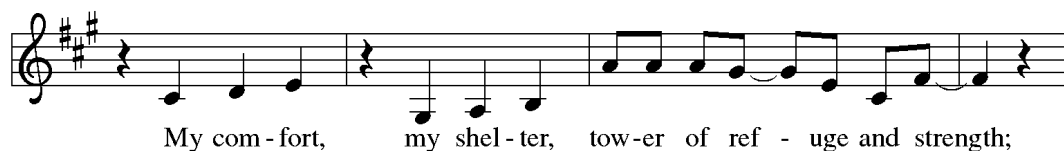
Hear this good news! Our God is a God who loves and forgives. Even when you try again and again and fail, God loves you! There is nothing that will separate you from God's love.

***GATHERING SONG** *Let's Trust in Jesus* (VBS Song)

***GREETING**

We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Shout to the Lord* (ELW 821)**



Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Repeat after the Pastor

When we wonder,
We can trust Jesus!

When we feel alone,
We can trust Jesus!

When we feel powerless,
We can trust Jesus!

When we need hope,
We can trust Jesus!

When we need help,
We can trust Jesus!

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-12

A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Rev. Michael Allwein* We Can Trust Jesus!

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *My Hope is in the Lord* (VBS Song)

***CREED**

Repeat after the Pastor

I believe in God the Father Almighty.

I believe in God the Father Almighty.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son.

Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

And life everlasting. Amen

And life everlasting. Amen

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *(Please respond.)*

P: God of grace, C: hear our prayer

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

***OFFERING**

As the VBS children and youth present the regular Sunday offering, the special offering for the Royal Family Kids Camp and the Communion elements we offer our lives in praise of the many blessings we've received from God.

***OFFERTORY** *Give Thanks* *Sing only once*

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

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

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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*** OFFERING PRAYER**

Repeat after the Pastor

Loving Jesus,
Loving Jesus,

Thank you
Thank you

for all you've given us.
for all you've given us.

Help us share
Help us share

with those who are in need. Amen
with those who are in need. Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is right to give thanks and praise to you, loving and awesome God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise you and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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 of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

We're all brothers and sisters in God's family. Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus is present here in the bread and cup. Come on down and join the party. There is enough for everyone!

COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher, maintaining your distance. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Return to your seat. Please notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar. The Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (VBS song)

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy God, we gathered around your table to receive Jesus. Thank you for blessing us with these gifts of bread and cup. Thank you for filling us with your light and love so we might live as you want us to live. When we feel overwhelmed or scared, remind us that you love us. Send us out to share your light and love to the people around us. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

We have gathered together as God’s family. Remember God loves you no matter what. May Jesus’ love for you and all the world, flow through you. May you shine Jesus’ light in the dark places of our broken, hurting world. God bless you in the name of the Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

***SENDING SONG** *This is the Day* (VBS Song)

***DISMISSAL**

Trusting Jesus in a wild world
Thanks be to God.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE *Help Me Jesus*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Please welcome Rev. Michael Allwein with a warm thank you for preaching this morning.

Prayer requests for the following *Family and friends of Sam Mull, Patsy Wildeson, Glenn Wildeson, James Bersch, Evelyn Gomez, Kristen Hardman, Brandan DeShong, Kaitlyn Dovey, Katelyn Mary Dodge, Charles Carl, Marty Wenger, Don Wildeson, Nancy Marshall, Betty Amt, our world & country, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Chuck Bedsworth, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Becky Ensinger, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

Please Be Aware: *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

June 29 - VBS Celebration Service 10:15am

Offerings received during Vacation Bible School and Celebration Sunday will be donated to Royal Family Kids Camp.

Do you have a favorite hymn in the ELW? Do we just not sing it enough, or maybe we do not sing it at all? In July and August, we will use a few minutes before worship to have a congregational hymn sing where you get to choose the hymns! In addition, if you have a favorite hymn from another hymnal and would like to sing it, please provide that information on the papers provided on the table where the other sign-up sheets are in the Sunday School room. That will give us time to hopefully locate the hymn and provide the words, if needed, in the bulletin. If you have any questions, see Mary-Jo Bedsworth before or after worship.

Power Pack Meals - We will not be collecting food during June or July. The program will resume in August for the 2025-2026 school year. **Beginning in August**, please place the items you donate in the tote in the Sunday School room. Monetary donations are also accepted, write your check to Solomon's, and put Power Pack in the memo line.

Please note that you will no longer receive a 6 month contribution letter. If you would like to have one, please contact Janice McEntire.

The 2025 Chart for Altar flowers is on the table in the Sunday School room. The cost of the two vases will be \$60.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$60.00 with the bulletin information.

The 2025 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room. Please sign up for as many as you can.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.