

# Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Service of The Word  
8:30 AM

*River of Mercy*

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# *A Celebration of God's Steadfast Love*

**“Open up, O heavens, and pour out your righteousness. Let the earth open wide so salvation and righteousness can sprout up together. I, the LORD, created them. Isaiah 45:8**

## **Prelude**

**“Shall We Gather at the River” Jackie Oakes**

## **Welcome/Announcements**

## **Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Listen, everyone who thirsts. Come to the waters and drink!

**All:** *You who have no money, come take freely and eat.*

**Leader:** From the heavens above, righteousness and mercy pour forth in abundance.

**All:** *For the Lord our God loves us dearly with a steadfast love.*

**Leader:** So then, let us humble ourselves to praise and honor our God.

**All:** *Come, let us walk in the way of love.*

## Opening Hymn - We Gather - Congregation

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "We gath - er in your name to - day to hon - or you and call you Lord. We gath - er in your name to - day to wor - ship you and pray. You are, (You are) You are our God. You are our God.) We are, (We are) We are your peo - ple. (We are your peo - ple.) You are, (You are) You are our God. (You are our God.) We are, (We are) We are your peo - ple. (We are your peo - ple.) A - men." The chords are: G, Em, Am7, C, D, G, Em, C, D, G, C, D, G, Em, C, D, G, Am, Em, C, D, Fine G.

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## Prayers of the People

### Prayer of the Day

**All:** Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In Your name, Oh Lord, we gather, seeking mercy for our lives.

All: **We cry out to You, our Creator, our Savior, and our God.**

Pastor: We have failed to act justly or to show kindness towards those in need.

All: **We have neglected the care of ourselves, our families, and our world.**

Pastor: We have injured those around us and grieved your Spirit within us.

All: **Have mercy on us, Lord, Forgive us, we pray.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: The Lord our God is abundant in mercy, and full of compassion and love. Christ was crucified that we might be forgiven and raised that we might have new life. So take courage, and stand in the strength of Christ's love.

## Sung Response

**"Reach Out"    Congregation**



# REACH OUT

1. Reach out with love. Touch the ones a-round  
 2. Reach out with grace. Forgive the ones who hate  
 3. Reach out with praise, to the God who made

you. Reach out with love. Let the Lord sur-round  
 you. Reach out with grace. Let the Lord em-brace  
 you. Reach out with praise, Let the Lord in - vade

you with His love. Reach out with God's love. Reach out  
 you with His grace. Reach out with God's grace. Reach out  
 you as you praise. Reach out, give God praise. Reach out,

with God's love. Reach out with God's love.  
 with God's grace. Reach out with God's grace.  
 give God praise. Reach out, give God praise.

## Scripture Luke 14:25-33 - The Cost of Discipleship

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator 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;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there 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 life everlasting.  
Amen.

**Peace - Sharing the Peace of Christ**

## Sung Offering Response - These Hands - Congregation



1. These hands of love we of - fer now. These hands  
 2. A word of peace we of - fer now. A word  
 3. A touch of grace we of - fer now. A touch



of mer - cy we give in love. Hands of love and mer -  
 of kind - ness we give in love. Words of peace and kind -  
 of par - don we give in love. A touch of grace and par -



- cy, We all know how to give a hand of mer -  
 - ness, We all know how to give a word of kind -  
 - don, We all know how to give a touch of par -



- cy to some - one, some-how in our world.  
 - ness to some - one, some-how in our world.  
 - don to some - one, some-how in our world.

## Prayers and Intercessions

### The Great Thanksgiving

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

## The 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 Music

“Mighty Lord” Jackie Oakes

### Benediction

### Closing Hymn - Shine - Congregation

Chorus: Shine Je - sus shine. Shine in our lives. Help us to fol -

- low. Move Spir - it move. Move in our hearts. Move us to

fol - low you. 1. We all need love. (We all need love.)

We all need Je-sus. (We all need Je-sus.) We all be - lieve.

(We all be - lieve.) God is love. (God is lo - ve.)

2. The world needs love. (echo) The world needs Jesus. (echo)  
The world needs to see. (echo) God is love. (echo)



## Dismissal

Pastor Casey, "Go in peace, serve the Lord."

ALL: "Thanks be to God."

## Postlude

"Glory" Jackie Oakes

## Serving in Worship

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Reader: Tony/Christa Mollgaard

Communion Assistance: Linda Nylen

Usher: Pat Schiek

Greeter: Dean Littlejohn

Communion Prep: Carol Emmel

Communion Cleanup: Linda Nylen

*Today*

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Reader: Ron Schell

Communion Assistance: Lori Zeller

Ushers: Deb Fisher

Greeter: Marlene Goetz

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Meg Feyen

**NEXT  
WEEK**

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# **CALL COMMITTEE**

**SCOTT DETTMAN**  
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**ADAM WHITE**

**PLEASE LIFT UP OUR CALL COMMITTEE AS THEY  
SEEK GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR OUR CHURCH.**

**"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART...  
AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT."  
— PROVERBS 3:5-6**