

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

Pride Sunday

July 5th 2026

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

APOSTOLIC 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.

Hymn of Praise ~ ELW #708- Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

PRAYER OF THE DAY (~ Jordan Sullivan)

C: Oh, Love that will not let us go...

Our hearts are filled and overflowing with joy, deep love, and gratitude.

We are thankful, for the gifts of all Affirming Ministries and communities of faith who open their churches, their homes and their hearts to Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ people and all their intersecting identities. For music, friendship, and for family.

We are thankful for the Love that will not let us go.

We are thankful, for Pride Marches and Pride Month, for all those who publicly, intentionally, and explicitly affirm that all queer people are children of God.

We are thankful most of all, for the blessing of a Love that is and always has been there for us.

The truth at the heart of our faith – that you are Love - echoes today in words and in music, in friendships and family, in our hearts and minds, and continues to challenge us to Love.

We pray for our hearts and minds to be open to our own homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia, to be open to our own racism, sexism, ableism, sizeism, and all the ways we fear those who are different from us.

We pray to learn how to recognize the kinship between our souls and the souls of those who, to us, are strangers.

We pray that we will never cease in our journey to learn how to Love more radically.

We pray in the name of the Love that flips tables and cracks whips, the Love that heals those judged by religious leaders and powers, the Love who lives and loves among the marginalized and outcast.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm 145:8-14

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
throughout all ages.**

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading – Romans 7:15-25a

(All who are able, please rise.) Gospel Acclamation – ACS page 33

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

(Stand) Hymn of the Day ~ ELW #720 - We Are Called

SPARKLE CREED (~ Rev. Rachel Small Stokes)

C: I believe in the non-binary God whose pronouns are plural.

I believe in Jesus Christ, their child, who wore a fabulous tunic, had two dads, and who saw everyone as a sibling of God.

I believe in the rainbow Spirit, who shatters our image of one white light and refracts it into a rainbow of gorgeous diversity.

I believe in the church of everyday saints, as numerous, creative, and resilient as patches on the AIDS quilt, whose feet are grounded in mud and whose eyes gaze at the stars in Wonder.

I believe in the calling to each of us, that love is love is love, so beloved, let us love.

I believe, glorious God. Help my unbelief.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER (version from the UCC)

Our Creator,

who is in heaven and on Earth,

Holy is your name.

Your kin-dom come, your justice be done,

In our communities as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our shortcomings,

As we forgive those who have excluded us.

Lead us away from the storms of fear and hatred,

And deliver us from all judgment.

For yours is the realm, the power, and the vibrant beauty of love,

Now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing (~ the Rev Sam Lindquist)

P: May God bless you with the courage to step out of the shadows and shine fearlessly. May Christ Jesus grant you the strength to stand alongside one another, refusing to be silent in the face of injustice. And may the Holy Spirit fill your heart with the joy of being accepted exactly as you are. Go forth knowing that you are +God's beloved, cherished, and desired creation.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ~ ELW #710 - Let Streams of Living Justice

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Remember that you are ALL wonderfully made in the image of the Divine.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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WORSHIP LEADERS	
Worship Leader	Lauren Aldred
Lector	Lisa Krebs
Musician	Joan Beek

OSLC Calendar of Events:

July 5, 2026	12:30 PM – Pride Sunday worship service celebrating our siblings in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community led by Lauren Aldred
July 12, 2026	No in person worship service
July 19, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service with Lauren Aldred
July 26, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Wendy McRae

Food Bank: Tuesdays, 10 AM – Noon, use back basement entrance.

July 4, 2026- 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM- 29th Annual Prince George Pride Parade (Downtown PG) and Pride Picnic (Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park)- plan to attend the parade and the Pride Week festivities. For more information visit:

www.nbcqueerconnection.com

pgpride.com

July 17, 2026 – 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM – Prince George Thank You Event at CN Centre. BBQ, Face painting, bouncy castle etc. Louise and Joan will participate at a booth with Grace Anglican. Let them know if you would like to help out.

Grace Anglican warmly invites OSLC to participate in the following activities:

Email: graceparishpg@gmail.com

We are in need of people to sign up for weekly lawn mowing duties. The sign-up sheet is on the back bulletin board.

July 19th, 2026 - Grace Anglican's next soup kitchen at St. Vincent de Paul's.

Offering / Giving:

Thank you to those who so generously give of their time, talents and gifts. We provide several options for you to contribute. If you require a charitable tax receipt for your donation, please contact the church office at oslcospika@gmail.com or 250-617-9716 to provide your name, address and email in order to register with us, so we may issue a charitable tax receipt. Tax receipts are issued by February of each year for the previous year.

Giving may be made in the following ways:

- Electronic transfer to oslcdonation@gmail.com Please include message with the purpose of the donation (e.g. general offering, designated food bank, etc.). We require your contact details in order to issue a tax receipt.
- Cheque: Mailed or placed in offering plate during Sunday worship service. Please indicate if cheque is for a designated purpose.
- Cash: Please only provide cash during Sunday worship service. Place in envelope provided, with details in order to receive tax receipt.
- Online: Credit Card: OSLC website link: Canada Helps: [Donate Now - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Prince George \(canadahelps.org\)](https://canadahelps.org) – **Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt directly to you**

Thank you for making a difference in many people's lives through your ongoing financial support and participation in the mission of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

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FIRST READING – Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter
Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter
Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is
he,

humble and riding on a
donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a
donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot
from Ephraim

and the war horse from
Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut
off,

and he shall command peace
to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea
to sea

and from the River to the
ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of
the blood of my covenant with
you,

I will set your prisoners free
from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold,

O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will
restore to you double.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own
actions. For I do not do what I
want, but I do the very thing I
hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do
not want, I agree that the law
is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no
longer I who do it but sin that
dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know
that the good does not dwell
within me, that is, in my flesh.
For the desire to do the good
lies close at hand, but not the
ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the
good I want, but the evil I do
not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if
I do what I do not want, it is
no longer I who do it but sin
that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law
that, when I want to do what
is good, evil lies close at hand.

²² For I delight in the law of
God in my inmost self, ²³ but I

see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL READING -
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

C: Glory To You, O Lord

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸"For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ