

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26th, 2026

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

ACS: All Creation Sings

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

(Stand) THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—
the Fraser River, the Nechako River,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for this font,
for through this water
you have birthed us into the family of Christ,
bathed us in forgiveness,
and enlivened us in the Spirit.
We praise you, O God, for baptism.

C: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

P: O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O God,
today, tomorrow, forever.
Amen, and amen.

C: Amen, and amen.

GREETING – ACS pg. 30

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.

KYRIE AND SONG OF PRAISE – ACS pg. 31

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son
you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us
your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading – 1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

- ¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- ¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
- ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
- ¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**
- ¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- ¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
- ¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

Second Reading – Romans 8:26-39

(*Stand*) Gospel Acclamation – ACS page 33

(*Stand*) Gospel – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON

(*Stand*) APOSTLES' CREED – ACS pgs. 17-18

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving – ACS page 36

Holy, Holy, Holy – ACS page 36

The Lord's Prayer – ACS page 39

Lamb of God – ACS page 40

Communion (All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion as they feel comfortable. Wine and grape juice (middle of tray) and bread or gluten free options are available. If you are unable to stand, please indicate if you wish to participate from your pew.)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: God, the Source of glory,

God, the Word of life,

God, the Spirit of truth

✝ bless you all, now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding	Rev. Wendy McRae
Communion Prep	Louise Ewen
Lector	Eric Elle

OSLC Calendar of Events:

Worship Services:

July 26, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Wendy McRae
August 2, 2026	No worship service in person
August 9, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service with Lauren Aldred
August 16, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Wendy McRae
August 23, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service to be announced
August 30, 2026	No worship service in person

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

Grace Anglican warmly invites OSLC to attend the following upcoming events:

August 16, 2026 is the next Grace Church Soup Kitchen at St. Vincent de Paul at 1:30 pm.

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 250-564-4336 to provide your name, address and email in order to register with us, so we may issue a charitable tax receipt and an envelope number. 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 provide your envelope number and the purpose of the donation (e.g. general offering, food bank, etc.). We require your contact details in order to issue a tax receipt.
- Cheque: Mailed or placed in church mailbox or donated during Sunday worship service. Please provide: envelope number, if you have one; purpose of donation.
- Cash: Please only provide cash during Sunday morning worship service or during office hours. Place in envelope with details in order to receive tax receipt.
- OSLC website: Canada Helps: [Donate Now - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Prince George \(canadahelps.org\)](https://canadahelps.org/en/donate-now-our-saviours-lutheran-church-in-prince-george/) – **Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt directly to you.**

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

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FIRST READING – 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or

for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Romans 8: 26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and

those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

C: Glory To You, O Lord

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had

and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.”

⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ