

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20th, 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.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your
servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your
merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

¹ I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

² **Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

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

Second Reading – Philippians 1:21-30

(*Stand*) Gospel Acclamation – ACS pg. 33

(*Stand*) Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

Hymn After Sermon ~ ACS #962, In This Feast of Love

(*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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Presiding	Rev. Wendy McRae
Communion Assistant	Louise Ewen
Lector	Eric Elle
Musician	Joan Beek

OSLC Calendar of Events:

Worship Services:

Sept. 20, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Wendy McRae
Sept. 27, 2026	12:30 PM – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation worship service led by Lauren Aldred

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

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

Starting on September 15th and going to October 15th, the Interfaith Spiritual Care Centre Food Drive for the UNBC food bank will begin. They suggest boxed cereal and high protein foods such as tinned fish, tinned meat, dried or canned beans, etc. There is a basket for donations at the back of the church.

Grace Church next Soup Bus date at St. Vincent de Paul is September 20th.

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.**

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 – Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very

happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰since

you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 20:1-16

C: Glory To You, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go

into the vineyard.’⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ