



SOTC Worship
July 26, 2026
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

GATHER US IN

ELW 532

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and faithful God,

we so often choose our own way instead of yours. We have spoken in ways that hurt others, strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies. We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew. Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life. Amen.

"Call upon me," says the Lord, "and I will answer." Our God has come among us to loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of + Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READINGS: 1 KINGS 3:5-12; PSALM 119:129-136; ROMANS 8:26-39

In response to the readings:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us,
 maker and sustainer of all life,
 of sun and moon, of sky and sea, of mountain and valley.**

**We believe in God beside us,
 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
 born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.
 He was tortured and nailed to a tree.
 A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
 He descended into the earth to the place of death.
 On the third day he rose from the tomb.
 He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
 and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
 the Holy Spirit of pentecostal fire,
 life-giving breath of the Church,**

**spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.

————— MEAL —————

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

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OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host. Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

LAMB OF GOD

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

BUILD US UP, LORD

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Thanks be to God.

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