

9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026
Oak Lake Lutheran Church
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AS WE GATHER: We are happy that you are worshiping with us today.
Today's worship service is being led by Hila Dipman.

L: Leader **C: Congregation** *Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

* L: Let us gather together with absolute confidence, knowing that nothing-not hardship, not fear, nor anything in all of creation-can ever separate us from the unwavering love of God. We come today, not because we are perfect, but because we are pursued. We come not because we have it all figured out, but because we are bold.

C: For we are convinced that neither death nor life
Neither angels nor rulers,
Neither the present nor the future,
Neither any power in the sky above or the earth below
Nor anything else in all creation

Can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: In the midst of our anxieties and our joys, in our triumphs and our struggles, His love remains our unshakable anchor.

C: Therefore, we lift our hands and our voices in joyful adoration.
Let us worship God who is with us, for us and never lets us go.

L: Let us pray together: **" Almighty God, we gather in Your presence with hearts full of gratitude, anchored by the truth that Your love never lets us go. We confess that we often let the anxieties of this world distract us, yet You remain steadfast, holding us securely through every storm and season."**

***Opening Song: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"** **LBW 551**

First Lesson	I Kings 3:5-12	Solomon Requests Wisdom
Psalm	119:129-136 pg 277	Direct My Steps By Your Word
Second Lesson	Romans 8:26-39	Nothing Can Separate Us From God
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 13:31-32, 44-52	Sowing the Seed

Sermon: "Really? NOTHING can separate us from God?"

***Hymn: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"** **LBW 324**

Offering

Offertory Prayer: *C. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have
gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who
gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

***Greet one another and share God's love**

***Sending Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** **LBW 315**

***Benediction:**

L: Go out into the world with courage, knowing that you are held in a love that cannot be broken.

C: We walk into this week with the absolute certainty that neither the challenges of today nor the uncertainties of tomorrow can ever separate us from God's grip.

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you, both now and forevermore. Amen.

L: Go in peace, love and serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God!

--ANNOUNCEMENTS--

We welcome all to worship today. Please join us after the service for treats and conversation. Members, especially, greet our visitors and ensure that they find a space at your table. Check your email for the August Newsletter/Calendar.

