

# Our Savior Lutheran Church



## Service of the Word and Sacrament

### THE GATHERING

*Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

You know what time it is

***It is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.***

Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

***The night is far gone, the day is near.***

Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light

***Let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness,***

Not in debauchery and licentiousness, nor in quarreling and jealousy.

***We will then put on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.***

### HYMN

*"We Gather Together"*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Let us pray...God of tender mercies, we admit we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the Good News of our Faith and do not consider the deep commitment of Faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. We forget what we are supposed to do and do whatever we want. We do not live as we ought. We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. We ask that You forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. AMEN.***

## ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here the Good News...There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death, for what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. Believe in Christ Jesus - you will be forgiven...**AMEN**

### Gloria patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the Beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end! Amen. Amen**

# Holy Scripture

## RESPONSIVE READING - *Psalms 46*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

Though its waters rage and foam, though the mountains tremble!

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the only habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.**

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;

God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

***Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has done on Earth.***

It is He who makes war to cease in all the world;  
He breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

***"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted  
among the nations; I will be exalted in the Earth."***

***The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.***

## READING FROM THE PROPHETS - *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd My people: It is you who have scattered My flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety, and this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

## GOSPEL LESSON - *Luke 23:33-43*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" and they cast lots to divide His clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the Cross; but the leaders scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Messiah of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine, and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? We indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

This is the Word of the Lord!

***Thanks be to God!***

**SERMON**

*"Thankful Is As Thankful Does"*

*Pastor Larry*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*{from Westminster}*

***It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and humanity, the Prophet, Priest, and King; the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world; for whom He did, from all eternity, give a people to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The Son of God, the Second Person in the Trinity, [did] take upon Him human nature...yet without sin: conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, with the Virgin Mary...so that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the divinity and the humanity, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion...very God and very Man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and humanity. The Lord Jesus in His human nature was thus united to the Divine, sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit with all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, to the end that...He might be thoroughly equipped to execute the office of a mediator and surety. He...was called into this by His Father, Who put all power and judgment into His hand.***

**OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Psalm 100"*

*Pastor Larry*

# The Eucharist

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give Him thanks and praise...***

So let us raise to Him in great joy and love singing:

***So my soul sings, my Savior, God, to Thee!***

***How great Thou art, how Great Thou art!***

***So my soul sings, my Savior, God, to Thee!***

***How great Thou art, how Great Thou art!***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION, COMMUNION, LORD'S PRAYER

***...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. AMEN.***

HYMN

*"Count Your Blessings"*

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### BENEDICTION

### SENDING

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on Earth, Peace that was meant to be;  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;  
Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!*

## CHURCH COUNCIL

*[meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday]*

**President**  
**Vice President**  
**Treasurer**  
**Secretary**  
**Council Member**

Dot Smith  
Jeanne Keyser  
Dean Carson  
Andrea Yerger  
Bob Burchard; Bubbles Burress  
Ellie Selk; Pat Spence; Fran Thibideau

### SERVING TODAY

**Reader**  
**Offering**  
**Communion**

Dean Carson  
Bob Bouchard  
Andrea Yerger, Fran Thibideau

## REMINDER:

*For "Jesus Loves You Ministry":*  
***All of December*** we will be collecting "Ball Caps" & anything CAMO

## Weekly Activities

**Wednesdays:**  
**Thursdays:**

*Drop In to visit Pastor 10am-2pm*  
*Bible Study at 10am*

*Pastor Larry is ALWAYS available by appointment...*  
*941-763-9975 Pastor Larry Cell*