

# Our Savior Lutheran Church



## Service of the Word and Sacrament

Sunday, 28 September 2025

Worship: 10.00am

### THE GATHERING Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

{Congregational responses are in **Bold/Italics**}

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of Earth,  
for there is no help in them.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

[*Their's*] whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The LORD shall reign forever!

**[He is] your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### HYMN

*"Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...*God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes 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. You are our Shepherd, and even so we want: we lie down when we could act and stir the pot when we could offer peace; we wander tempting paths instead of following You; we see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in You; we hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them; we see scarcity even when You offer us abundance. We ask Your forgiveness according to Your goodness and Mercy and ask You to make us whole. AMEN*

## ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the *Good News* of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the Cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you that, when you confess your sins to God, through the Power and the Name of Jesus Christ, 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 - *Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, under Almighty's Shadow.

***He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust."***

He'll deliver you from the snare of the hunter from deadly pestilence.

***He covers you with His pinions, you shall find refuge under His wings;  
His faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.***

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor the arrow by day;

***Nor of the plague that stalks in the darkness;  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.***

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon Me and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

***With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.***

### READING FROM THE PROPHETS - *Amos 6:1-7*

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Cross over to Calneh, and see; from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is your territory greater than their territory, O you that put far away the evil day, and bring near a reign of violence? Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, who eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall; who who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

### GOSPEL LESSON - *Luke 16:19-31*

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day and at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames' - but Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

This is the Word of the Lord!  
***Thanks be to God!***

**SPECIAL MUSIC***"On Eagle's Wings"**Pastor Larry***SERMON***"Seeing Is - not necessarily - Believing"  
or should that be "Believing is Seeing"?**Pastor Larry***CONFSSION OF FAITH***from The Heidelberg Catechism - Questions 12-15*

Q: By the righteous judgment of God we have deserved temporal and eternal punishment, so how may we escape and be reconciled to God?

**A: God wills that His righteousness be satisfied; therefore, payment in full must be made to His righteousness, by ourselves or by another.**

Q: Can we make this payment ourselves?

**A: By no means. On the contrary, we increase our debt each day.**

Q: Can any mere creature make the payment for us?

**A: No one. First of all, God does not want to punish any other creature for man's debt. Moreover, no mere creature can bear the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin and redeem others from it.**

Q: Then what kind of Mediator and Redeemer must we seek?

**A: One who is a true and righteous Man and yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, One who is, at the same time, true God.**

**OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER***"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

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**HYMN****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 by singing:

**Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration!**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****EUCARISTIC 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***"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

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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!*

## Weekly Activities

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

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

### REMINDERS:

**All of October:** We are collecting DEODORANT for "Jesus Loves You Ministry":

**Tuesday, 30 September;** making Soup and Sandwiches for the Ministry  
**Saturday, 04 October;** Ladies Lunch at "The Bean Depot" at 1.00pm

*Pastor Larry and Andrea will be in Minneapolis next Sunday for the LCMC Annual National Gathering...Rev. Chad Lynch will be filling the Pulpit on 05 October 2025 in Pastor Larry's absence.*

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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

<b>President</b>	Dot Smith
<b>Vice President</b>	Jeanne Keyser
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### SERVING TODAY

<b>Reader</b>	Dean Carson
<b>Offering</b>	Bob Bouchard
<b>Communion</b>	Andrea Yerger, Dot Smith

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## Our Foundation - the "Solas" of the Reformation

<u>Sola Scriptura</u>	Scripture Alone
<u>Sola Fide</u>	Faith Alone
<u>Sola Gratia</u>	Grace Alone
<u>Solus Christus</u>	Christ Alone
<u>Soli Deo Gloria</u>	God Alone the Glory