

Our Savior Lutheran Church



Service of the Word and Sacrament

Sunday, 14 September 2025

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

***Their delight is in the Law of the LORD,
and on His Law they meditate day and night.***

They are like trees planted by streams of water which yield their fruit in
its season and their leaves do not wither.

They prosper in all that they do.

The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore, the wicked will not prevail in the judgment
nor sinners have their place in the congregation of the righteous,

***The LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.***

HYMN

"Victory in Jesus"

Insert

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 14

The fool in his heart has said, "There is no God."

***They are corrupt, they have done abominable deeds;
there is none who does good.***

The LORD looks down from Heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

***They have turned aside, they have become corrupt together
there is none who does good; no, not [even] one.***

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up My people
as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?

***There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the generation of the righteous.***

You shame the counsel of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

***O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the LORD brings back His people [from] the captivity,
let Jacob rejoice [and] Israel be glad.***

TORAH READING - Exodus 32:7-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, *[for]* they have corrupted *[themselves]*. They have turned aside quickly out of the Way which I commanded them; they themselves have made a molded calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These *[are]* your gods, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people. Now, therefore, let Me alone, so that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and I will make of you a great nation." But Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said, "LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people, whom You brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the Earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath and relent *[from]* Your this harm to Your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore to them by Your own self and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of Heaven and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants and they shall inherit it forever.'" So he LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

GOSPEL LESSON - Luke 15.1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were drawing near to hear *[Jesus]* and both the Pharisees and the Scribes were grumbling and saying, "This *[man]* welcomes sinners and eats with them." *[Jesus]* told them this parable, saying: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and having lost one of them, *[does]* not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and goes after the one having been lost until he finds it? And, having found it, he lays it on his shoulders rejoicing. And having come home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost'. I say to you, in the same way there will be joy in Heaven over one sinner repenting rather than over *[the]* ninety-nine righteous persons who have no need of repentance. "Or, what woman, having ten drachmas, if she should lose one drachma, does not light a lamp, sweep the house and

search carefully until she finds it? And having found it, she calls together the friends and neighbours, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma that I lost.’ Thus, I say to you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner repenting."

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Ancient Words"* Pastor Larry

SERMON *"What's to Lose?"* Pastor Larry

CONFESSION OF FAITH
from The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, Who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the Will of my Father in Heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

What, then, must a Christian believe?
We must all believe what is promised us in the Gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of the Apostles' Creed, our universally acknowledged *Confession of Faith*.

What is true faith?
True Faith is not only a certain knowledge by which I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word, but also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the Gospel, that, not only to others, but to me also God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation, out of sheer grace solely due to Christ's saving work. **AMEN**

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

HYMN *"Standing on the Promises"* #430

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
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 *"Bringing in the Sheaves"* #360

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...

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REMINDER:

We are collecting **TOOTHBRUSHES AND TRAVEL SIZED TOOTH PASTE** for the "Jesus Loves You Ministry" all through the month of September; there is a container near the front door for you to drop them off...

Our Foundation - the "Solas" of the Reformation

Sola Scriptura

Scripture Alone

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Sola Gratia

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