

Our Savior Lutheran Church



Service of the Word and Sacrament

Sunday, 21 September 2025

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD;

Praise the Name of the LORD.

Let the Name of the LORD be blessed now and evermore.

From sunrise to its sunset

Let the LORD'S NAME be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations;

His glory is above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high;

He stoops to behold both Heaven and the Earth?

He takes the weak from dust and

Lifts the poor from ashes.

HYMN

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

#045

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 - *Psalms 79:1-9*

O God, the heathen have come into Your inheritance;

They have profaned Your holy temple;

They have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air and the flesh of Your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.

We have become a reproach to our neighbors;

[We are] an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

How long will you be angry, O Lord?

Will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

***Pour out Your wrath upon the heathen who have not known You
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon Your Name.***

For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.

Remember not our past sins; let Your compassion be swift to meet us;

***We have been brought very low. Help us, O God our Savior,
For the glory of your Name.***

OLD TESTAMENT READING - *Jeremiah 8:18-9:1*

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked Me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

GOSPEL LESSON - *Luke 16:1-13*

Jesus said to the Disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light and I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? If you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Ancient Words"* Pastor Larry

SERMON *"Reason to Despair"* Pastor Larry

CONFESSION OF FAITH
from The Heidelberg Catechism - Q:1, 2, 3,8

Where do you learn of your sin and its wretched consequences?
From the Law of God.

What does the Law of God require of us?
Jesus Christ teaches; "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment; a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

Can [we] keep all this perfectly?
No, for by nature I am prone to hate God and my neighbor.

However, is not God also merciful?
God is merciful and gracious, [and] He is righteous. His righteousness requires that sin committed against God be punished.

Are we...unable to do good and are prone to do evil?
Yes, unless we are born again through the Spirit of God. AMEN

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#001

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

"Oh, How I Love Jesus"

#062

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

<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